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LAWSON SAKAI in the 1994 Bastille Day Parade commemorating the 50th anniversary of the liberation of Bruyeres, France.

EC parks swimming in repair needs

Committee of the Whole hears report on deferred work

By J.R. Deaton

EL CERRITO — The sorry condition of the city's parks and recreation facilities and how to fund their repair was Topic A (and B) at last week's Services for the 21st Century Committee of the Whole meeting.

A six-person subcommittee was formed to consult with members of the city's Park and Recreation Commission to further study the issue.

The Committee of the Whole also unanimously recommended that the Planning Commission add an "economic and fiscal element" to El Cerrito's new General Plan.

"I would say that the swim center probably exceeds \$1 million," said Community Services Manager Monica Kortz about the cost to repair the facility.

"The swim center is a 37-year-old facility," Kortz noted. She said engineers studying the old facility tell her the pool

"was state of the art at the time — and now it's the best-banded pool we've ever seen."

The costs to repair and reconstruct the city's parks and recreation facilities continue to be revised as new information becomes available. Unfortunately, the costs always seem to go up.

Using preliminary cost estimates compiled last year, total capital needs to im-

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KHALSA TEMPLE MEMBERS in El Sobrante demonstrate sword play, known as Gatka, during the Multicultural Parade Saturday. The parade marched from Richmond to El Cerrito.

Celebrating a world of diversity

By J.R. Deaton

EL CERRITO — There were dancers and singers and twirling Sikh martial artists with flashing silver swords. There were horses and fire engines and a 1912 Reo automobile, and lion dancers and saris and turbans and cowboy hats. Brass bells chimed and drums kept the beat at last week's Sister Cities Parade and Multicultural Festival.

A turnout estimated at more than 300 people attended the first of what is hoped

will become an annual celebration intended to showcase West County diversity.

"Thumbs up on these events," said Margaret Perry, a Richmond Annex resident who enjoyed the entertainment Saturday at El Cerrito's Community Center.

Under blue skies and high white clouds, Perry and others applauded for such groups as the Chinese lion dancers, the Berkeley Community Chorus, the La Rastafarian reggae band, martial arts demonstrations and the lively steps of a

group of girls called the Bay Area Steppers.

In all, more than 14 performing groups delighted the diverse crowd.

"I think the multicultural exposure is a very positive move in the right direction to try to get people to get along better together, and make it a better and happier world to live in," Perry said.

The Community Center resembled a mini-United Nations during the festival.

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EC council backs area gun measures

By J.R. Deaton

EL CERRITO — Guns and traffic were topics of discussion and action at last week's City Council meeting. The council discussed and endorsed gun control measures currently under consideration in Sacramento, and stop signs and other traffic-slowing measures were approved in the Navellier Street neighborhood.

Councilman Norman La Force's proposal to tax city gun and ammunition merchants was put on hold per his request, pending the possibility that such measures may be adopted regionally along the Interstate 80 corridor.

"I think all these three should be supported by us," La Force told his colleagues

on the council after reviewing three bills currently being debated in the state legislature. La Force urged the council to pass measures endorsing the legislation.

One bill targets generic or "copycat" assault weapons and would also ban large-capacity ammunition magazines. A second bill would place restrictions on the manufacture, importation and sale of "unsafe handguns," and a third bill would require guns to have safety devices such as trigger locks.

"This community is not immune to gun violence — our business people aren't immune to gun violence," La Force said before last week's vote.

Councilwoman Jane Bartke said she "was raised with guns" and has gone

hunting in the past, but added "we never had the need for an assault gun when we went hunting." Bartke noted that the council has voted in the past to support trigger locks on guns and said "I'm willing to support these bills too."

Councilman Mark Friedman said "I think I can heartily endorse these bills," although he said they were not "perfect legislation" and will not "solve the total problem in our society." Friedman called it "a step in the right direction" for the council to go on record in support of the proposed legislation.

The bill that would restrict "unsafe

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Heroes by any measure

World War II's Japanese-American regiment gathers in Oakland Saturday

By Martin Snapp

America's greatest heroes are coming to Oakland Saturday.

That's not hype; it's a statistical fact. These are the men of Company E of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, the Japanese-American unit that fought in Europe in World War II and earned more medals than any other unit in the history of the United States Army.

For the seventh straight year, they will come from all over Northern California to gather around the 442nd Memorial Redwood Tree at Roberts Park.

At 11 a.m., under the cathedral-like canopy of the redwood trees, they will conduct a solemn ceremony of remembrance to honor their fallen comrades and everyone else who gave their lives to defend freedom in World War II.

They never brag about their exploits. Their numbers speak for themselves: 9,846 Purple Hearts, 4,000 Bronze Stars (with 1,200 Oak Leaf Clusters), 56 Distinguished Service Crosses, 22 Legion of Merit medals, 12 Croix de Guerres, 7 Presidential Unit Citations, and one Congressional Medal of Honor. And all this was won by fewer than 15,000 men.

But the true measure of their heroism can't be found in any medal count. What sets them apart is the fact that while they were defending freedom in Europe (including liberating the concentration camp at Dachau), their own families were languishing behind barbed wire back in the United States.

There were no mass internments of German-Americans or Italian-Americans. But right after Pearl Harbor, all the Japanese-Americans on the West Coast were rounded up and sent to what were euphemistically called "relocation camps."

Lawson Sakai's story is a typical one. He was only 19 years old when Pearl Harbor was attacked.

"All I cared about was cars, girls and baseball, not necessarily in that

order," says Sakai, one of the organizers of Saturday's reunion. "When the news about Pearl Harbor came over the radio, I was so mad! I turned on my parents and yelled, 'How dare your people attack my country?'"

But he quickly found out that "his" country wasn't his anymore. The next morning, when he marched down to the Army recruiting office to enlist, he was rejected: "4-C — Enemy Alien." The next thing he knew, he and his family were being shipped off to a relocation camp, along with every other Japanese-American family.

America, the land of their birth, betrayed them. And they paid back that betrayal by volunteering to fight

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LAWSON SAKAI at Camp Shelby in Mississippi in April, 1944, just before shipping out to Europe.

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Community Orchestra concert is Sunday

The Albany Community Orchestra will present its annual Spring Concert on Sunday afternoon, May 30, at 2 p.m. in the Albany Community Center Auditorium. The center is located at 1249 Marin Ave. in Albany. The concert is free and open to the public.

The featured work will be the "Concertstück for Four Horns and Orchestra" by Robert Schumann. This beautiful and delightful piece was Schumann's favorite among his own works and is celebrated among horn players for its beauty and technical challenges. The piece is difficult for the four horns, with its rapid upward leaps and extreme high notes, all of which are molded into the orchestra texture in concertante style.

According to one critic, "The Concertstück is full of lovely music which cannot be heard because the range is so high and the difficulties so horrendous that it needs almost the trump of an archangel to cope with them." The haunting beauty of the slow movement has been compared with a Slavie mother mourning for her dead son."

First horn Jan Pusina has had numerous Bay area performances as a

soloist and ensemble member. He studies with Joshua Garrett. Pusina has composed electronic and instrumental music for three decades, and works for the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory's Advanced Light Source as an accelerator operator.

Douglas Thomas, second horn, lives in Albany, and is a research librarian and musical instrument builder, having recently built a mandolin on which he performs in a bluegrass band.

Frank Hoenack, third horn, is an architect living in Berkeley, and has recently completed work on the newly-restored San Francisco City Hall. He has played for a number of years with the Kensington Symphony.

The fourth horn part is to be played by Michael Ernst. Ernst lives in Albany with his wife and four children, and works as a computer programmer for UC Berkeley. He has played with the Kensington Symphony for 15 years, and studied horn with Ross Gershenson and Earl Sexton.

The Albany Orchestra, conducted by Ernie Douglas, will also perform the Haydn "Clock" Symphony #101



MICHAEL ERNST, one of Albany Community Orchestra's featured horn players in the spring concert, with son Kenneth.

and selected movements from Prokofiev's "Classical Symphony."

The Albany Community Orchestra is sponsored by the Albany Adult School. For further information about

Father not pleased with daughter's tattoo

EL CERRITO — Police just released a report from April 29 documenting a complaint lodged by a father who said his 16-year-old daughter was tattooed on her chest by a 32-year-old man working in a tattoo shop on San Pablo Avenue.

■ On May 1, a thief climbed through the rear window of a house on the 2300 block of Carquinez Avenue. Once inside, the crook stole electronic equipment valued at over \$8,500, and escaped through the front door.

■ A burglar skulked into a garage on the 6500 block of Hill Street during the late night or early morning of May 1 or May 2 and stole nearly \$500 in valuables.

■ Sometime during the early morning of May 5, someone climbed into an unlocked automobile, rifled through a glove case then, finding nothing, pulled a lever opening the trunk. The thief found a handgun there and stole it.

■ Six windowpanes on a house located on the 900 block of Galvin Drive were broken by a vandal May 6.

■ Police arrested a 17-year-old female the evening of May 6 for shoplifting \$26.56 worth of goods from Tar-

get.

■ Sometime between May 6 and 7, a vandal tossed a rock through the patio window of a home located on the 1700 block of Manor Circle.

■ Just after midnight May 7, a young man went berserk and smashed the windshield of a young woman's automobile on the 6200 block of Cypress Avenue. The man was apparently an acquaintance of the woman. The out-of-control vandal hurled a brick through the front window of the victim's home and fled. The man was wanted for vandalism.

■ A thief used a screwdriver or a key to jam open the trunk lock of a 1990 Toyota Camry sometime between May 7 and May 10. Once inside, the suspect grabbed \$65 worth of belongings, leaving the owner with a \$100 repair bill for the lock.

■ Target security placed a 10-year-old-boy under citizen's arrest May 8 after he tried to swipe two yo-yos, a bag of water balloons and rubber bands. Police responded to the call and took the boy into custody for petty theft.

■ Between 2:30-3 a.m. May 10, a thief climbed into an unlocked car parked on the 2600 block of Francisco Way and stole two car phones — one

POLICE REPORT

from each glove box.

■ A 48-year-old man was arrested for petty theft May 12 after he caught taking cans and bottles from a recycling box sitting on the curb at 1400 Block Street.

■ After concealing \$21.98 worth of merchandise in her purse at a Store, a 32-year-old woman was arrested for petty theft May 12.

■ A 17-year-old boy riding down San Pablo Avenue the afternoon of May 12 was stopped by police and arrested for possession of methamphetamine.

■ At 1:45 p.m. May 15, a 30-year-old man was arrested for mischief after he deliberately set the column shift of an automobile parked on the 700 block of California. The suspect apparently got the car's owner owed him money.

■ The afternoon of May 17, a 30-year-old woman handed a prescription at Walgreens a forged prescription. However the pharmacist saw the name, called police, and she was arrested.

WORTH CHECKING OUT

AAUW celebrates 50 years

The Richmond-El Cerrito Branch of the American Association of University Women will be celebrating 50 years of commitment to women on Sunday, June 6. The branch was chartered in 1949 and has supported many events concerning women and girls over the years, including the math/science conference and scholarships at Contra Costa College, helping to sponsor candidates for the Tech Trek Science Camp at Stanford University (see Community Folk, page C6), providing readers for the "Read-Aloud" program in the local schools, and completing an endowment for research and projects at the National AAUW level. The event will be celebrated with a luncheon at the Mira Vista Country Club. Former members and friends of the branch are invited to attend. Reservations are \$25 and must be made by May 28. Details: 525-2238.

Fete for superintendent

A retirement dinner-dance for Albany Unified School District Superintendent J. Dale Hudson will be held on Saturday, June 12 at 6 p.m. at the Holiday Inn in Emeryville. Tickets are \$40 per person. Ticket deadline is May 29. Seating is limited. Call Beverly Feuser in the Office of the Superintendent. Details: 559-0614.

Thank a teacher

Parents of graduating seniors are encouraged to express thanks to their favorite teacher by writing a personal message on a special Apple for the Teacher card. The Albany Education Foundation calls it a chance to say "Thanks a million!" to a special teacher in Albany Schools. The "apples" will be displayed on an "apple tree" at the Albany Library. You are invited to donate \$19.99 to the Albany Education Foundation in honor of your graduate and their favorite teacher. Details: 524-7797.

Lions sidewalk sale

The Kensington Lions Club is currently accepting reservations for space at its annual sidewalk sale. The sale will take place on Sunday, June 6, at Colusa Circle in Kensington from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Each 10 feet of frontage space is available for \$10. The deadline for reservations is June 1. Contact Fly Aweigh Travel at 527-6267, or drop by at 377 Colusa Ave., to pick up a flyer.

Kensington Library events

The Kensington Library has several upcoming events for children and parents.

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Preschool applications

Applications for Albany Preschool's 1999 Summer School are now available at the preschool. The eight-week session will begin on June 21 and end on Aug. 13. There will be a morning parent co-operative program (9 a.m. to noon) and an afternoon non-parent participation program (noon to 3 p.m. or noon to 5 p.m.). It is possible to sign up for mornings, afternoons, or both. Albany Preschool, 850 Masonic Ave., is also currently enrolling students for its fall 1999 Afternoon Non-Parent Participation Program. The preschool program hours are noon to 3 p.m. or noon to 5 p.m. Both programs are available to potty-trained children who are at least 3 years old by Dec. 2 through pre-kindergarten. Applications will be reviewed in the order received, with priority given to Albany residents. There is a \$25 non-refundable application fee to be paid at the time of registration. Details: 527-6403.

Horticultural therapy

The People/Plant Connection of Northern California — a local chapter of the American Horticultural Therapy Association — is holding its first meeting, Saturday, June 5 from 1-4 p.m. at Rubicon Homes, 970 13th St. at Visalia, Richmond. Phone 234-4860. Special guest speaker is Catherine Sneed, who has successfully developed rehabilitative horticultural therapy programs in the San Bruno County Prison System and has established community service garden connections. Details: Karen Talbot, 925-376-1157.

Kensington Symphony

The Kensington Symphony Orchestra, directed by Lloyd Elliot, and the Contra Costa Choral, directed by Richard Kramer will jointly perform Joseph

Haydn's "The Seasons," with soloists Barbara Lanier, soprano, Michael Kull, tenor, and Eric Howe, bass-baritone. Performances are Saturday, June 12 at 8 p.m., and Sunday, June 13 at 7 p.m., at the First Baptist Church, 770 Sonoma St. in Richmond Heights. Plenty of free off-street parking is available. Suggested ticket contribution: \$10 general, \$8 students/seniors. Tickets will be available at the door. Children under 12 are free. Details: 527-2026.

Community Center jobs

The City of El Cerrito is now accepting job applications summer employment. Positions available include day camp and pool staff. Ages 15-17 must have a job permit, and there is volunteer work for those 12-14. Applications may be picked up at the El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Mooser Lane. The center is open Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Details: 215-4370.

Albany board openings

The Albany City Council is seeking interested citizens for appointment to the following boards, commissions and committees: Civil Service Board Library Advisory Board Park & Recreation Commission Arts Committee Charter Review Committee Waterfront Committee Mental Health Advisory Board. Interested applicants can contact the city clerk for an application and description of each board, commission or committee. Details: 528-5720, or visit City Hall at 1000 San Pablo Ave.

Lions need eyeglasses

The El Cerrito Lions Club is asking people to donate their used eyeglasses and sunglasses for recycling to people who need them in developing countries. The glasses will be cleaned and sorted by prescription. All sunglasses, prescription or non-prescription, are also welcome. Donation buckets are located during May at Mechanics Bank, Longs Drugs, Ace Pastime Hardware, Cal-Fed Bank, El Cerrito Police Department and El Cerrito city offices and year round at Sunshine Cleaners, Fairmount Beauty Salon and El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce. Parents and students can donate at the following participating schools: Castro, Harding, St. Jerome's, St. John's, Prospect, Sierra, Pacific Academy, Portola Middle School and El Cerrito High School.

Car alarm not enough to thwart burglar

By K. Osborn

ALBANY — On the morning of May 20, a resident on the 800 block of Ramona Avenue reported that thieves broke into his white Dodge van and stole several CDs. Evidently the alarm had been activated during the night and the owner reset the alarm without noticing anything missing. Later in the morning he discovered the loss and reported it.

■ On the night of May 16, a resident on the 900 block of Ventura Avenue reported that her red 1987 Subaru was broken into the previous night. There were no witnesses.

■ On the morning of May 18, a resident on the 900 block of Masonic Avenue reported that during the night thieves stole his white 1987 Toyota van. There were no witnesses.

■ On the afternoon of May 18, a resident on the 400 block of Evelyn Avenue reported that during the pre-

vious night thieves broke into her white Geo Prism and stole items from inside. There were no witnesses.

■ On the evening of May 18, Albany officers contacted a 51-year-old transient man who was sleeping in a doorway of a business on the 800 block of San Pablo Avenue. He was found to be intoxicated and unable to care for himself. He was arrested and released when sober.

■ At about 5 a.m. on May 20, Albany officers responded to reports of a person moaning under a porch on the 1000 block of Ventura Avenue. Officers contacted a 19-year-old woman who was found to be intoxicated. A check found that she also had a "no bail" warrant from Berkeley. She was arrested and transported to the Berkeley jail.

■ On the afternoon of May 20, the manager at a condominium complex on the 500 block of Pierce Street re-

ported that thieves had stolen furniture from the lobby of the building. There were no witnesses.

■ On the evening of May 20, a 1993 Ford Mustang by smashing the passenger side window. The stereo and departed under the hood.

During the week of May 20, Albany officers towed three cars and responded to five false alarms, and to four lost or deceased animals. One person who was out of his house or car responded to seven reports of barking dogs.

In the domestic arena, officers responded to one domestic disturbance report of civil disturbances at Civil Assistants. Albany officers issued 61 tickets, issuing 30 citations, 31 warnings. Albany firefighters responded to six fire calls and 17 medical emergencies.

DNA search may solve old East Bay killing

By Sonia Giordani

ALBANY — An Alameda County prosecutor is asking East Bay police agencies to comb through unsolved homicide cases for possible links to the Folsom prison inmate now suspected in the 1981 double slaying of an Albany couple.

Albany police said new DNA testing and recent interviews have helped them identify a 65-year-old former Oakland man as the suspect in the Nov. 22, 1981 stabbing deaths of Henry and Edith Villa in their Gateview Avenue home.

But those killings might be just the start, said Alameda County Deputy District Attorney Rockne Harmon. "We believe he hit all through the East Bay, from north to south," said

Harmon, who prosecuted the suspect for a different murder in 1982. "The real problem with this now is that we can't sit down and spit out a printout of all the unsolved murders. It's going to be a very slow process."

Contra Costa County Deputy District Attorney Brian Baker said his office is looking into at least one unsolved homicide in West Contra Costa that may be linked to the same man.

The suspect in the Villa slayings is now serving a life sentence without possibility of parole at Folsom State

Prison in Repressa for the murder of an Oakland woman. He was arrested for that crime in 1982 and sentenced to life in 1986, court records show. He said the only reason to prosecute is to force the death penalty.

Court records show the man's long criminal history and sentences for convictions that include rape, murder and a string of felonies in cities from Hayward to

He was out of jail during

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Padded Lilies proving size doesn't matter

By Kristin Bender

Heads bobbing gently above the light blue water, a half-dozen very large synchronized swimmers in colorful bikinis and black one-piece swimsuits reach out to each other, their slightly pruned fingertips barely touching. They giggle and chat as they form a lopsided star, realizing their routine is far from perfect. But precision, agility and grace aren't the point.

The Padded Lilies are a synchronized swim team of a different proportion, and they refuse to apologize for their size.

The 12 Lilies each weigh between 300 and 300 pounds, and they've embraced synchronized swimming both for fun and to prove fat people can do anything to which they set their minds.

"Of all the things I have done to try and change people's mind about fat, this is the most fun and the most effective. We don't have to say a word. People get the point," said Marilyn Wann, a Lily and the author of the book "FatSo?"

The team meets each Sunday to practice for an upcoming show, and they're good enough to attract an audience whenever they perform. But none of the girls wants to be the next Esther Williams — she popularized the sport 60 years ago — and the team doesn't hold any illusions of competing in the Olympics.

No, the Padded Lilies have a different goal in mind: they want to send a message that size doesn't matter.

"This has potential to reach people on a level that is very convincing," Wann said. "How can people see these women doing synchronized swimming and not find it hilarious and empowering as well?"

The Lilies met nearly two years ago at Making Waves, a swimming program at Albany Pool for large women. Shirley Sheffield and Tim-

nah Steinman put the team together as a lark, but the two Oakland residents soon found the Lilies helped fat women accept who they are and what they look like.

"If I can't love myself at this size, how am I going to love myself at a size 6 or a size 12, which I am never going to see in this lifetime," Steinman said. "Self-acceptance is the first step to self-love."

Tricia Bailey said performing with the Lilies has boosted her self-esteem and impressed upon her the importance of being happy with who she is.

"Twelve years ago I wouldn't have been caught dead wearing shorts or something sleeveless, but now I figure that if people don't like it they can look the other way," the San Pablo woman said.

Of course, not everyone condemns fat and fat people. But it doesn't help that American society equates being thin with beauty, success and wealth. Roughly 97 million Americans — about 50 percent of the population — is overweight, and the diet industry is booming.

But none of that matters to the Lilies.

"I don't need anyone to tell me that it's OK to be fat because I already know that," said Sheffield. "What does me good is for society to get off my case and let me be who I am."

Sheffield and Bailey work with the Bay Area chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Fat Acceptance to end discrimination of fat people, and find the Padded Lilies an excellent forum for teaching people that fat doesn't mean bad.

Wann, who carries 270 pounds on her 5-foot-4 frame, said recent activism has revolutionized the public views of fat people. Five years ago, the San Francisco woman launched "FatSo?", a quarterly newsletter, and



SHARON STEINMANN

THE PADDED LILLIES — left to right, Patricia Carlin, Tricia Bailey, Timmah Steinman, Leslie Gallen and Shirley Sheffield — practice at Albany Pool.

in January she published a book by the same name. Her publication, Web site and book have reached thousands of people, but she's far from finished.

"I would love for there to be a Padded Lilies team in every city, performing on David Letterman and making fun videos and postcards," she said. "There aren't enough images of fat, happy people who aren't apologizing for their size."

But the Padded Lilies aren't all about making the world a fat-friendlier place. They also swim for exercise. The warm water loosens muscles and eases mobility, and is also good for the joints, said Lilies Coach Diane Tully, an award-winning synchronized swimmer for 35 years.

Albany resident Patricia Carlin took to the water to reduce the pain caused by arthritis in her knees.

"The water is why I started swimming," she said. "It's the most wonderful thing in the world."

Tully agreed and said swimming has endless advantages for the Lilies.

"The pool is a place where they can shine, be stars, wear a two-piece bathing suit and be proud of it," Tully said. "They are hams, they like to perform and they really don't care what they look like."

The Padded Lilies will perform at 7 p.m., June 12 and 13 at Albany Pool, 1311 Portland Ave. Admission is \$4.

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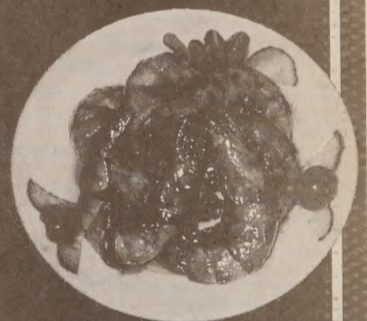
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Opinion

VIEWPOINT

Circus, carnival, rodeo, parade ...

Around Town

By Chris Treadway

street grid alive.

Looming large for the city is the \$500,000 estimated annual sales tax revenue the revitalized center will provide.

But there are other considerations. New retailers looking at coming to the Plaza will want to open "well before Thanksgiving. We want to get it built no later than Thanksgiving, preferably September or October (of 2000)," Brusatori said. Delays could alter the construction schedule to the point that some lined up tenants would not come in until the following year — if at all.

There is another deadline involved. Plans call for lowering the east end of the Plaza property by several feet, which would mean relocating a storm drain near the closed tire center. EBMUD says it needs to do the work by Oct. 1, before the rainy season, and needs to start excavation by July.

That is one area where the city may have a small amount of leverage — if it acts swiftly.

The storm drain would probably be relocated to a right-of-way east of the Ohlone Greenway (which right now serves as overflow BART parking).

By allowing the relocation, Brusatori wants the city to seek a wider right-of-way along Cerrito Creek, which borders the south end of the Plaza property and marks the city and county boundary.

"If they move the storm drain on our property I want us to say 'Fine, give us more of the creek,'" said Brusatori, who would like to see a linear park ultimately developed there.

"I'd rather come out with something, however modest, and deliver the Plaza on time," she said.

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'Calming' may not be right word for transportation plan

Albany's Citywide Transportation Plan — dubbed "the leviathan" by one City Hall wag — was last sighted in February swimming ponderously toward the City Council. But its great girth and other concerns stranded it on the shoals of the Traffic and Safety Commission. Here the commissioners have been striving mightily to flense it of enough fat and folly to make it acceptable to the council and the public.

The first step toward rendering the plan at least physically manageable was to sheer off the appendices including the final draft of the city's Bicycle Master Plan. This is unfortunate for anyone trying to understand the far-reaching changes proposed for our city since the bicycle plan is the heart of the overall plan.

In recognition of the fact that this plan focuses on the increased use of bikes, the decreased use of automobiles, and greater pedestrian safety, the name has been changed to the Albany Traffic Management Plan. "This is not a comprehensive transit analysis," said Chairman Matthew Ridgway, adding that he wanted to avoid the impression that it was.

On May 10 and 24, the commission and Community Development Director Ann Chaney scheduled special four-hour editing sessions. Fueled by soft drinks and pizza, the commissioners tore into the leviathan like Melvillean whalers. Some paragraphs were edited, but many more were thrown out entirely, sometimes leaving little else on the page. Although restrained in the presence of a reporter, it was clear that the commissioners were not pleased about having to do so much work on a plan for which Korve Engineering is being paid \$150,000.

Many cuts were made in the oft-repeated odes to the joys of living in a community from which the auto-

Man About Town

By Dave Greer

mobile has either been banished or forced by "traffic calming" devices to proceed at the pace of a geriatric jogger. Some statements were excised because they were either risible or provided a tempting target for harpoon-hurling critics.

For example, Ridgway axed Korve's bizarre notion that the streets would be a good place for children to play. And the whole paragraph containing this line went over the side: "In addition, much of the impetus for traffic-calming policies has grown out of a more global concern for the environment through promotion of alternative modes of travel."

The word "global" is just the fin of the philosophy of the Korve plan. It breaks the surface again when we are told, "The philosophy behind the plan is rooted in a worldwide livable communities movement..." Since Korve does not describe this body of thought, I shall sketch it briefly for you:

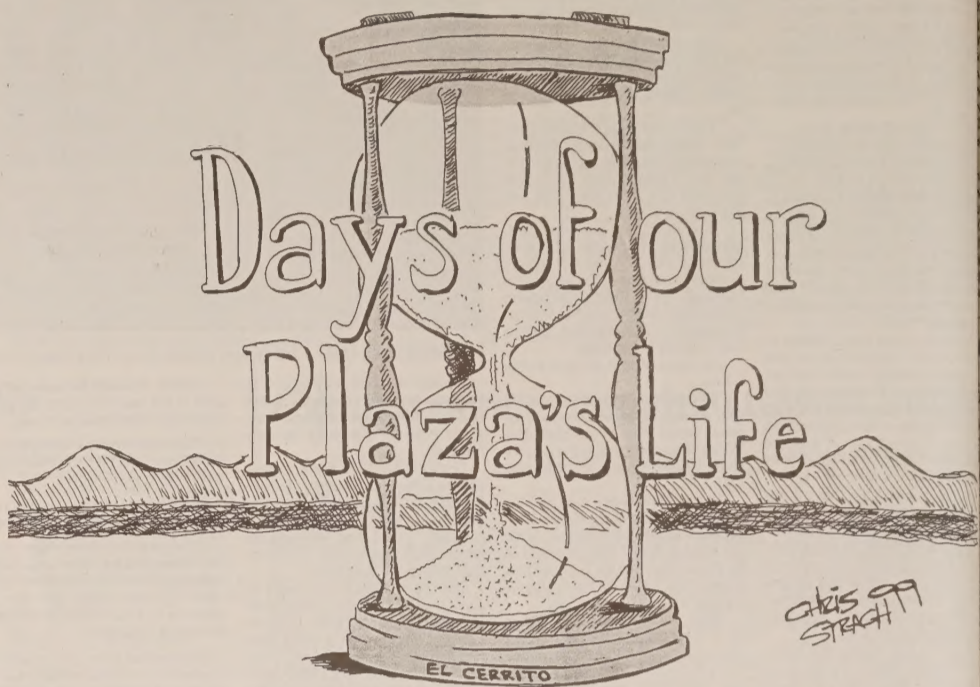
Left-leaning environmentalists — greens — are its driving force. These enviros believe that an imperialist America consumes a disproportionate amount of the world's resources.

The automobile is viewed as the chief offender, as it uses petroleum and other valuable commodities returning them to the environment as pollution. The car is also seen as a threat to cyclists and pedestrians as well as an enabler of urban sprawl.

Since it is not yet politically feasible to eliminate the auto, the next best thing is to make its use as difficult as possible while actively promoting "alternative modes" of transportation. In the enviro's ideal future

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Like sands through the hourglass,
so are the



VIEWPOINT

Why Albany Teachers Association supports Measure A

By David DeHart

PRESIDENT OF ATA

We teachers of the Albany Teachers Association support Measure A. Its passage is vital to delivering the best education possible to Albany Unified School District students. We understand the growing competition among public, private and charter schools in attracting students.

Because of this, the district has been experiencing declining enrollment over the past few years, which impacts its budget particularly this year. If we expect to remain competitive with neighboring schools, then we must pass Measure A. This parcel tax will ensure the continuation of the excellent teaching and educational programs which have made this district so successful in the past. It will also allow the district to expand programs in those areas best able to guarantee that students

will stay in Albany rather than seek alternative choices elsewhere as they move up to higher grade levels. Fully funded programs in music, performing and visual arts, libraries, technology, athletics, foreign language, mathematics and science will not only attract students, but also the most qualified available teachers as our current staff begins to retire in greater numbers in the next few years.

For many reasons, our association is optimistic about the future of this district and the potential for its schools over the next few years. A new middle school, elementary school, and alternative high school slated to open in the fall are all strong drawing cards for new students. The new high school, scheduled for the start of construction this summer, will be a wonderful environment for learning. In addition, we wish outgoing Superintendent Dale Hudson well in his retirement and appreciate his efforts in making the transition to new

leadership in the district a smooth one. We welcome new Superintendent Gary Mills, who has already provided an opportunity for teachers to participate in the hiring process of administrators in our schools. In the fall, we look forward to working with a new leadership team of administrators at Albany High, and a new principal at the Albany Middle School. The addition of two new school board members this past year has expanded channels of communication with teachers.

The Albany Teachers Association has donated money for Measure A, which individual teachers have dipped deeply into their own pockets and given their precious time operating phone banks, leafleting and walking precincts. Please join us in support of Measure A. The time is right to make this district one of the best in Northern California. Please vote yes on Measure A on June 8.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Marin reconfiguration is overdue

I agree "it's time to make Marin Avenue safe for everyone" (May 20 Journal Viewpoint). I have commuted by bicycle from Albany to LBNL for over five years, and Marin has consistently been the scariest portion of the ride. The proposed reconfiguration of Marin Avenue from two lanes each way, to one lane each way with a left turn lane and bike lanes, is essential to make this critical route safe for bicyclists.

For years I commuted daily on Marin from my residence on Kains Avenue south of Solano Avenue.

Due to the tight space and high speed of traffic, I found I had to ride in the "door zone" much of the time. The "door zone" is that space which can be suddenly occupied by the opening of the driver's side door of a parked car. Experienced cyclists learn to dread and avoid this space, even to the point of altering routes if necessary.

Unfortunately, there is no good alternative route to Marin (Solano Avenue is even more dangerous with cars blindly backing out of slant parking spaces).

My level of fear while riding on Marin became clear recently during a conversation with a co-worker. His commute from Mill Valley to LBNL takes him up and down Marin each day. He mentioned a number of interesting houses and landmarks along this street which I was

unaware of. Apparently, in years of riding this route, I had never dared to glance around for fear of getting in an accident!

I currently commute from my house on Talbot Avenue south of El Cerrito Plaza. I can now avoid riding on Marin altogether, but I still must cross it at Curtis Street on my way to Sonoma Avenue. Of all the intersections I pass through each day, I am the most frightened of the Curtis/Marin intersection. With four lanes of fast moving traffic on a curving section of Marin with limited sight distances, timing the crossing takes skill and nerve. My boss, who lives on Marin near this intersection, aptly expressed concern for my safety after observing one of my daily crossings.

I have felt it would be especially nice to feel safe riding on Marin lately. As time inevitably passes, and particularly now that I am a father, the hill on the alternate Sonoma Avenue route has somehow grown bigger. Unfortunately, I don't foresee this trend changing!

Preston Jordan
Albany

Many thanks to legion post

I am writing to publicly thank American Legion Post 292 of Albany for giving me the opportunity to explore a career field which I normally would have avoided. Thanks to the generosity of the American Legion, I along with two other juniors from Albany High spent

four lovely days last weekend (May 14-17) in the South Lake Tahoe Basin at Sly Park Outdoor Education Center. As participants in the 48th annual Youth Environmental Leadership conference hosted by the United States Forest Service, I think it is safe to say that I learned more out of this conference than I could from just being in school.

Along with everyone else my age, I grew up hearing about the importance of conservation and recycling. But never before did I ever get to see up close what exactly it was that I was conserving. Now I know. After this conference, I also came to the realization that making decisions with public lands is much more complicated than I gave it credit for. Through mock role-playing, we were presented with the arduous task of changing a national forest to meet the demands of miners, loggers, hikers, motorists and residents. While El Cerrito is worlds away from the El Dorado national forest, I am now more sympathetic to the obstacles faced by the El Cerrito Plaza Planning Committee. It's nearly impossible to meet everyone's needs and wants. As a result of this weekend in Tahoe, I am now more open to compromise, a skill which I know that I will need later on in life.

In all, the American Legion reportedly spent \$10,000 on 44 students from across the state. I am so honored that I was chosen to be one of them. I wish that every student could be given this unique opportunity to expand their

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"... were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter."

— Thomas Jefferson, 1787

Chris

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FOUR-ALARM DAY: The potential audience was divided Saturday at El Cerrito, which played host to a multicultural parade and festival at the Community Center, a bike rodeo at Portola Middle School, a school carnival at Harding and the return of Circus Chimera to the Plaza. The audience was divided by the police coverage. Each required some police presence (the police themselves were providing traffic control for the parade and sent a squad car and two officers to the carnival for the popular informational display), which gave a stretch given the ECPD's weekend staffing levels. Police Chief Linda Fellers had to call in the reserves to meet the demand.

MEANWHILE: El Cerrito business owner Richard Lander took a well-deserved turn in the spotlight Sunday's performances of Circus Chimera. Lander, owner of headlining firm Lander International, is the guy who convinced the circus to come to the Plaza for its well received run last September and suc-

cessfully lobbied for its return last weekend. He disclosed to the audience that the Oklahoma-based circus had also previously come to town for a more extended stay — making El Cerrito its winter home from November through January. Lander received a strong round of applause when he told the crowd he wanted the troupe to make EC its permanent winter home...

A rumor persists that the Tuesday and Saturday Farmer's Market at the Plaza will go away if the owners' development plan is approved. Not true. Under the proposal the market would stay but be relocated to the south side of the property...

After spending months in the Arlington Park Clubhouse, the EC Fire Department unit serving Kensington is back home at the Kensington station which was closed last year for seismic work. Firefighters moved back in April and an open house for the community was held two weeks ago...

This column's last installment noted how happy the Clayton Avenue neighborhood was about their new four-way stop sign, installed recently after folks there kept after the city. How happy are they? Well, the intersection will be the centerpiece of the neighborhood's annual Memorial Day block party...

Are there more four-way stops on the way? As north-south traffic in EC increasingly diverts from San Pablo Avenue to streets such as Ashbury and Richmond, some residents around the Richmond-Lincoln intersection are talking about seeking some regulation from the city. There have been four accidents at the intersection in the past year, a resident reports. Not that the ECPD isn't trying to regulate traffic flow within its limits. You may have noticed that the placing of one of those large radar-operated readouts at various locations around town showing the speed of passing cars.

Mounted on a squad car or a city-owned pickup truck, it has been stationed on Ashbury, Lincoln and residential streets around El Cerrito High. Lest you think the ECPD squandered a large part of its budget on the display, Chief Fellers is quick to point out that it was paid for by a state grant...

Spotted at the checkout line last week at Home Depot: An impulse item display of potted plants with a small object circling it. An eye-catching marketing addition? No, it was a hummingbird that had found its way into the giant warehouse and was doing what nature intended, gathering nectar from the plants and periodically zooming off to an undisclosed location...

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horizons. My sincerest thanks to Keith D. Truax and the other American Legionnaires for giving me this rare chance to be part of this wonderful program. And also, thank you for sponsoring me on my trip to Europe this summer with the Sound of America Honor Chorus. Last weekend was so inspirational that after I get back from Europe this summer, I plan on spending a week at Sly Park as a volunteer counselor.

Thank you American Legion. Keep up the good work! It is most appreciated.

Amy Chen
11th Grade
Albany High School

Tell board: time for real Albany High

It is time for Albany High school students to have a real school.

It is time for our community to acknowledge that the experiment of having a high school in portables has proven to be a failure.

Talk to any student at Albany

High School, or any of their parents, and you will quickly understand how severely school morale has suffered as our high school students are educated in a school which has all the ambience of a cell block.

This situation will only worsen, and worsen dramatically, when construction of the new high school begins. The noise of construction will make the current portables intolerable.

Fortunately, there is a solution.

Albany has a brand new school building which will be completed in a matter of weeks. That school building, located on the land of the old Albany Lumber Company, is scheduled to become the new middle school.

This need not occur immediately. Even now, as high school students walk to Cougar Field past the brand new school, they wonder why they are not going to be attending classes in that school in September.

The new building should not become a middle school in September of 1999. It should become the Albany High School until construction of the new high school is completed.

This solution can only be implemented if members of the community speak and the school board has the courage to recognize that the portables are a failure and that a real solution is available.

Matthew J. Rinaldi
Albany

Inefficiency at the DMV

We are turning into a country of inefficiency. The Cancer Society comes around leaving bags they ask us to fill. Twice now I have filled the bag with clothing, and put it out on the specified date. Neither time has it been picked up.

Then I received the bill for license renewal on my car. They asked for proof of insurance. I made a copy of my paid bill to AAA, and sent it with my payment. Back came another letter, still asking for proof of insurance.

I called the El Cerrito Department of Motor Vehicles, who said "Come down and we'll give you the sticker." After standing in line for half an hour, I was told to stand in another very long line.

The El Cerrito Department of Motor Vehicles is run so inefficiently. They know many people use it, so why don't they employ more help? When my purse was stolen containing my driver's license, I stood in line two hours. Then, when I found out my license was being used to deplete my bank account, I had to stand in line three hours to get still another license with a new number. That is totally unacceptable.

I feel people's time is worth something, and if the Department of Motor Vehicles is supposed to be of help, they should have enough workers to give that help to the public.

Jeanette Sarno

Calming

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all ride bikes as they do in China, back into public transit as they do in Japan, or hoof it as does most of the world. A people forced into public transportation for serious travel has also been made more dependent on government, another advantage in global eyes.

The nations top enviro, Vice President Al Gore, has expressed this angst toward the automobile in stronger terms than I have here. In his book, "Earth in the Balance," he asserted that internal combustion engine poses

"a mortal threat to the security of every nation that is more deadly than that of any military enemy we are ever likely to confront again."

Al is not afraid to speak the dream that makes lesser green lights turn yellow: "completely eliminating the internal combustion engine over, say, a twenty-five-year period."

This is a vital part of the plan to "drastically change our civilization and our way of thinking." No matter how "profound" and "wrenching" this process may be, Gore says it is necessary to make "a change in our essential character."

In the '70s, Berkeley opted for a change in its essential character by adopting this "livable communities"

plan. A long and divisive struggle marked by lawsuits, appeals, and enraged citizens destroying the hated diversions followed. Ultimately, the University of California vote and court rulings carried the day, leaving Berkeley strewn with speed bumps, diversions, artificial cul-de-sacs, and all the other traffic impeding devices in Korve's "toolbox."

Although one might expect Korve to cite Berkeley as a prime example of a city of "livable" streets, I find no mention of it in the plan.

And at public meetings questions about Berkeley were given short shrift. In response to one such query, project manager Maryanne Jones replied tartly, "I work for Albany, not Berkeley." How-

ever, she often spoke glowingly of this same traffic paradigm in Delft, Holland, and distant American cities.

The fact is that Milvia Street between Cedar Street and University Avenue in Berkeley is an amazing demonstration of "traffic calming."

Known as a "slow street" (15 mph), these six blocks have marked bicycle lanes winding over speed bumps and through chicanes created by bulbous curb extensions. Many parking spaces have been lost, and the diversions north of Cedar have created a sheltered area in the street where people work — on their cars.

Meanwhile, back in Albany, Ann Chaney estimates that the edited traffic plan will be council ready in July.

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EBMUD plan seeks increase in water rates

By Denis Cuff

OAKLAND — Water prices would climb 3.5 percent for East Bay Municipal Utility District customers under a proposal made May 11.

Officials said their plan would add 71 cents a month to the \$22.77 bill of an average EBMUD single family home using 270 gallons daily.

To the disappointment of those in warm Contra Costa communities who believe EBMUD's three price tiers are unfair to them, the proposal calls for no change in the basic price structure.

The increase would go into effect July 1 for 1.2 million EBMUD customers in Contra Costa and Alameda counties.

With the exception of one unusual rate decrease in 1994 coming out of a drought, the proposed rate increase would be the district's smallest in the 1990s, when there were many rate increases between 5 percent and 10 percent, officials said.

During the decade, the district undertook many expensive projects to fortify the system against earthquakes, change disinfection, replace aging pipes and plan a new Ameri-

can River water supply still in limbo. "We see the increases evening out," General Manager Dennis Diemer told reporters in a briefing. "We're holding the line on operating expenses, and we're very carefully setting priorities on our capital projects."

The budget calls for adding eight employees to the water system and phasing out three jobs in the sewage branch that treats waste water mostly from Alameda County.

Diemer recommends cutting the water system's combined operating and capital budgets by 7.4 percent from \$491 million to \$454 million. The \$142 million annual operating budget would remain virtually unchanged.

Spending on construction has been held down in part because a political deadlock has blocked the district's proposal to build a pipeline to bring American River water to the East Bay.

Diemer said the district still can afford to build the pipeline and hold annual rate increases to 3.5 percent annually over the next five years.

Also on Tuesday, Diemer proposed a 2.5 percent increase in sewer rates for people in El Cerrito, Kensington and large parts of Alameda County.

Local artists opening studios for tour

Pro Arts East Bay Open Studios 1999 returns Saturdays and Sundays, June 5 and 6, 12 and 13, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Local artists will be participating, welcoming the public to tour their studios. Among them are:

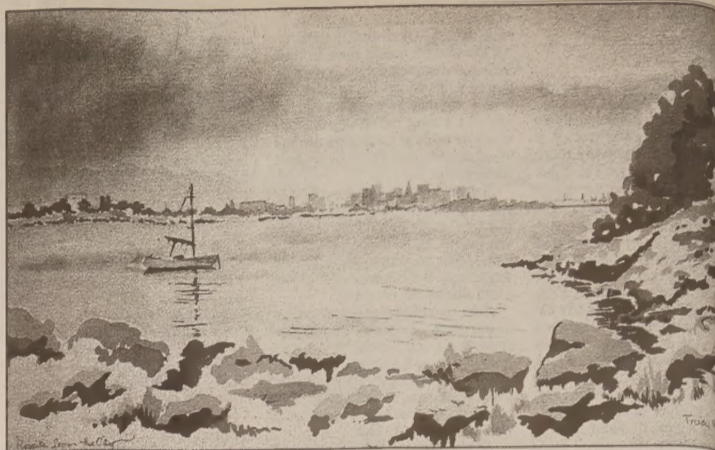
■ "Two-fers" Trudy and Judy will open their studios across the street from each other the first two weekends in June. Trudy Vilaska, whose studio is at 961 Ventura Ave., and Judy Corning, whose studio is across the street at 960 Ventura, welcome the public to view their artwork 11 a.m.-6 p.m. June 5 and 6, and June 12 and 13.

Vilaska will show watercolors, pastels and box constructions produced since retirement as an Albany school teacher seven years ago. Ranging from realistic to semi-abstract, her artworks depict local landmarks and scenes, as well as Okinawan sites from a recent trip there.

Corning paints realistic oils of Northern California scenes and of Isle Royale National Park, Michigan, where she was Artist-in-Residence in 1993 and 1996. She also makes fanciful prints of varied subjects.

Both artists have had solo shows at the Albany Community Center's Foyer Gallery, both have had numerous awards, and both have exhibited extensively in galleries throughout the Bay Area.

■ In El Cerrito, "Top of the Map" painter and printmaker Marianne Kolb will show her new



ABOVE, "Oakland from Berkeley Marina" by Albany artist Trudy Vilaska. Right, a work by El Cerrito painter Marianne Kolb.

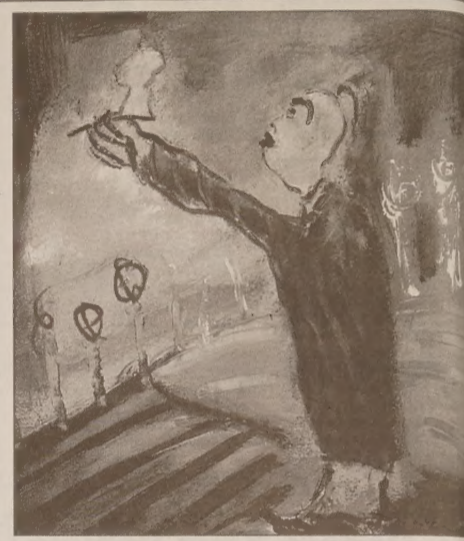
work, opening her studio at 215 Pomona Ave. to the public.

Kolb's work has been exhibited throughout the United States, as well as in France, Switzerland, and The Netherlands. Her work will also be showing concurrently with the Open Studios exhibit at Hang Art in San Francisco and at the Debra Owen Gallery in San Diego.

Kolb has just completed a new series of 44 paintings. This new body of work once again utilizes a narrative form, making use of both figures and common objects in cinematic-like scenes.

Kolb is a native of Switzerland who has lived in the East Bay since 1983.

There will also be a public Artists' Reception on June 3, from 7-9 p.m. at Pro Arts, located in Oakland at 461 Ninth St.



Albany YMCA offers summer programs

Still looking for safe, fun summer programs for your child this summer? The Albany YMCA says it has just the thing: An experience that is safe, fun and educational, with full and half day camps available.

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The Albany YMCA also offers programs from 1-5 p.m. for the middle school age child who does not need a full day program.

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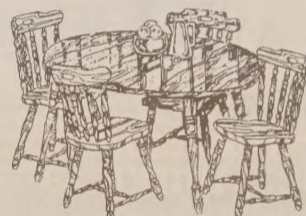
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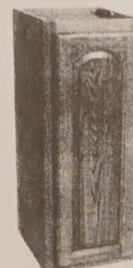
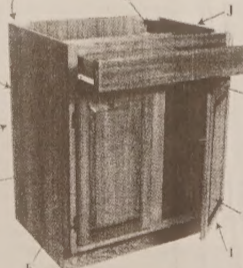
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A first-hand view of a century of change

By James Carter

The day Alberta Shafsky graduated from high school, all the young women wore white dresses and carried big bouquets of red sweet peas for commencement.

There was a horrific war under way in Europe, one ignited in Serbia yet to be named. But Europe was very far away indeed, especially to a young woman graduating from high school.

It was 1917. As Alberta Shafsky remembers that day long ago, there are blue lines in her eyes. A member of the first graduating class from Oakland Technical High School — there was Piedmont High then — Shafsky would go on to study music and earn a degree at Pacific College in San Diego.

Pacific College would later relocate to Stockton and change its name to the University of the Pacific. A lot of things would change, some for the better, some not. "But think change is something you have to adapt yourself to," Shafsky said. "Anyway, if you don't like it, it's too late."

"Kitty" Dora May Shafsky's life changed at 6:30 a.m. June 6, 1899, when she gave birth to Alberta in Ft. Mendocino. Shafsky was named after her father, Albert.

"I was a disappointment, I guess," she said, "so they added an 'A' to it." One of the first memories Shafsky has is a story told by her mother, "Kitty" — a Smith before her marriage — always wanted a parrot, Shafsky said. So the first Christmas her parents were married, Shafsky's mother gave her what she desired.

"When the baby came along — I was born at home of course — Papa came into the kitchen," Shafsky said, "And the parrot said 'Hello, Kitty!' They both thought it was kind of a miracle."

The 'Old Country'

Albert Shafsky and three brothers migrated to California from Bohemia — what they called "the old country" — in 1889. "That's in Moravia now, I believe," Shafsky said. "My father was Jewish. Some of the other boys were going to be conscripted into the Russian army and they didn't want that."

Soon the Shafsky brothers established a store in Mendocino that sold general merchandise. "You can still see the sign there," Shafsky said. But before memories began to lay down their record, the family moved to Placerville, where her father and mother established a department store.

The Shafskys lived in a Queen Anne-style Victorian built for them in Placerville in 1902. The beautiful two-story building — which even back then had indoor plumbing and a water-powered leather belt-driven washing machine — is a bed and breakfast now.

Eventually the Shafskys would have five children. "There were the girls — me, Verah, Jeanne, and Bernice. And then the boy came along. 'Nobody would name him,'" Shafsky said, referring to her little brother. "So when it came time to go to school, my father said 'somebody has to name this child.' So what we did was we just put a 'D' on the end of Boy — Boyd. But I still would call him Boy."

The family was happy in Placerville. Shafsky attended a school on a hill surrounded by pine trees just five minutes from home. She remembers her father taking the family to see Haley's Comet, though all she can recall is a muddy, wet trail.

Placerville was the county seat back then and Shafsky's father was a member of the Republican Central Committee — a party affiliation she maintains to this day. He served on the City Council and at one point was Mayor of Placerville back when it was still something of a "pioneer town."

It was there that Shafsky took up the piano. On Sundays, she would play at the local Presbyterian Church, though she was not a member. Asked what interested her in music, Shafsky said, "Well, I was just taken to the teacher and told to go to practice."

The family relocated to Oakland after Shafsky's father lost his business. "He was ahead of the game," she explained. "It was sad because he had all these ideas. But he just oversold himself."

After graduating from college, Shafsky earned a living playing the piano. "I played at Oakland High School for 36 years. They had big festivals in those days," she recalled. "We had a swimming pool and we

had pageantry. Water pageants.

"We'd choose a different theme every year and I got to choose all the music I wanted to play. They did synchronized swimming, you know."

"Oakland was a lovely town," Shafsky added. "The streets were wide. It was always a lovely town. It's just that people haven't treated it right."

In 1922, the Shafskys built a house in the Northbrae area of Berkeley, above Indian Rock.

"There were two or three houses on this street," she said. "Back then, it was wild. You could go out and pick poppies, blackberries, and what have you. We paid \$1,100 for this lot."

Alberta remembers crossing the Golden Gate Bridge the first day it opened. "It was kind of a thrill," she said, though she can't quite remember what the weather was like that day.

The family used to go to Sausalito for breakfast in a boat owned by Shafsky's brother-in-law. Such are her memories.

Asked about the ferry boats, Shafsky said "Oh, that was a delightful trip. I wish they'd bring them back."

"You'd stop at the ferry building and get a bunch of violets. And you'd have a hat on with a veil, probably. And gloves. Then you were ready for San Francisco."

The family would have lunch at a restaurant called "The Pig and Whistle," famous for chicken pies. But "mostly we would go over and shop," Shafsky said. "There was the White House, and there was Lieves. They had very nice suits and coats."

Shafsky led a very active life up until a couple of years ago, though she can still get around quite well. She does volunteer work for an organization called "The Berkeley Clinic Auxiliary." The charity, located



JOANNA JHANDA

Alberta Shafsky in the home she has lived in since 1922.

on San Pablo Avenue in El Cerrito, raises money by selling used (and sometimes new) clothing. Their main work provides orthodontic work for poor children.

Seated in the house she has called home for 77 years, Shafsky politely scoffs at the notion that her life is at all interesting. She also says she doesn't have any secrets. However, when pressed, Ms. Alberta says she thinks her secret to longevity is "I try not to worry."

Though Shafsky looks 20 years younger than her age, she is beginning to slow down now. No longer does she take the long walks she once enjoyed.

"I feel like I'm a hundred every now and then," Shafsky says. "When

I can't do the things I want to do. I've always been active and loved to go down to the backyard. But now I wouldn't dare go down there."

It's too bad, really. Shafsky has a beautiful yard on a large plot of land: A garden — like herself — from another time.

Even the walkway leading from Shafsky's home has the feel of a different era. Wrought iron rails await a caller at the sidewalk. Brick walls covered by ivy are guarded by sen-

try-like lanterns. There is a cut stone patio beneath birch trees bordered by ferns and violets. Friends can sit there and chat as robins chirp and mourning doves coo.

Home has become Shafsky's sanctuary, as it is for many senior citizens. There are endless memories, triggered by photos and mementos of a time when ladies wore gloves and veils, presented flowers to friends and would never dream of calling anyone by their surname.

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Help guide Berkeley into the new millennium. Participate in the planning process by commenting on the Draft Plan. Written comments are encouraged and verbal comments will be received at the following Public Workshops.

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Thurs., July 8, '99 - 7-9 p.m. - South Berkeley Senior Center
Thurs., July 15, '99 - 7-9 p.m. - North Berkeley Senior Center
Thurs., July 22, '99 - 7-9 p.m. - North Berkeley Senior Center

The first two meetings in June will also serve as scoping sessions for the Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) being prepared for the General Plan. The deadline for comments on the scope of the EIR is June 30, 1999.

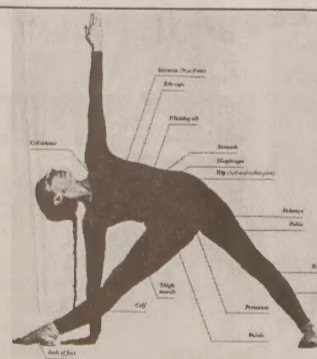
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Alliance seeks action on district debt

By Glen Price

"At its meeting last week, the Alliance for Public Education decided to seek the endorsement of its membership for a "call to action" to eliminate the district debt to the state of California.

Chairperson Mark Friedman sent the following letter to member organizations of the Alliance:

"Over the last few months the Alliance for Public Education has been studying an issue of major concern: the debt owed by the West Contra Costa Unified School District to the State of California. The attached background paper details the history, current status, and especially, the ongoing negative impact of the debt on public education in West County (see: <http://www.igc.org/west-county/042999.htm>). The bottom line is that children in our community have less spent on their education than children in neighboring districts for reasons totally outside of their control.

ALBANY PTA

By Kay Weinstein

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■ June 3, Instructional Improvement Committee Meeting, 7 p.m., AHS Room 53

■ June 4, Senior Awards Assembly followed by Senior Luncheon

■ June 11, Graduation, 8 p.m., Berkeley Community Theater

■ June 11, Grad Night Cruise, Midnight

■ June 14, PTA Meeting, 7:15 p.m., AHS Library (rescheduled from June 7 due to election; all PTA members urged to volunteer by calling Janet Seltzer at 526-9360)

Albany Middle School

■ **SCRIP Orders:** Support AMS by buying Safeway certificates. Call Karen Moss at 526-2018 or Janet Nichols at 526-6259

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"At our last meeting, the Alliance decided to seek an endorsement by its membership for the attached "Call to Action" (see below). The "call" is to take the necessary steps to educate our respective constituencies about the debt and to work together to seek an end to debt payments by the school district to the state. We are also seeking the active participation of member organizations in the Alliance task force which will be coordinating our efforts to end the debt payments.

"As an Alliance of organizations concerned about the future of public education in West County we have helped create great positive momentum for change in our district. The successful bond measure for the new Richmond Middle School is an example of an action we helped to catalyze and support. Eliminating the onerous burden caused by the state debt will free an additional \$1.8 million dollars per year which our district can invest in the children of our community. Working together, we can make a debt-free future a reality — I hope you'll join this effort."

Call to action: Reinvest WCCUSD state debt in our children's education

Following is the text of the call to action submitted to Alliance for Public Education membership for endorsement:

"The Alliance for Public Education calls on the State of California to end West Contra Costa Unified School District debt repayment. Specifically, the Alliance seeks action to guarantee that funds currently being paid by the WCCUSD to the State of California for the purpose of debt repayment be retained within the district to be invested in the development of the WCCUSD's educational program.

"The Alliance for Public Education asks the WCCUSD Board of Education, State legislators who represent West Contra Costa, local elected officials, members of the Alliance for

See DEBT, Page A11

El Cerrito High, other leadership schools show test score improvement

SANTA CLARA — Students at schools involved in the Bay Area's best-known and best-funded school reform effort are performing better on standardized tests than they were three years ago.

The world of school reform is a quixotic one in which educational theories are often ballyhooed or discarded without ample time to support or discredit them. The Bay Area School Reform Collaborative, with nearly \$100 million behind it, is dedicated to improving student achievement by creating sustained change over five years in its leadership schools, which include El Cerrito High School, and then spreading those strategies to others.

Its leadership schools receive about \$150 per student a year for five years, so annual funding ranges from about \$50,000 to \$100,000. Schools define a "focused effort" literacy, for example, and then organize their reform work around it. Most schools spend most of their money on teacher training, hiring experts to conduct professional development workshops and paying substitutes when teachers attend training sessions.

Executive director Merrill Vargo said the group will become more active in trying to convince state policymakers to restore teacher training funds. The state cut the number of paid teacher development days from eight to three last year.

"We hope to use our evaluation data to change the thinking in Sacramento," she said. "We are under-investing in professional development."

The study released Monday was the first tangible evidence that the systematic approach to improving schools seems to work.

Fourteen schools received BASRC funding in 1995 and 1996, and were asked to show that student achievement had improved by the third year. According to Stanford University's Center for Research on the Context of Teaching, test scores improved at 11 of the 14 schools.

Student art going on exhibit in Foyer Gallery

ALBANY — An exhibit of artwork

by Albany's middle school opens June 6 at the Albany Community Center Foyer Gallery. The show, "Facing Change," features large canvases in oil pastel. The exhibit will run through Sept. 9. The opening reception will take place on Sunday, June 6 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Each of the three eighth-grade art classes led by art teacher Meg Brady has worked collaboratively on a large group portrait in oil pastel. The faces captured on the canvases tell of the highly emotional landscape of transition from adolescence to young adulthood. The works effectively capture the passage from the safe environment of middle school to the unknown territory of high school. Organizers say the feelings of relief, excitement, fear, hopefulness and determination are reflected in both the colors these young artists have chosen and the faces they are presenting.

Applications for artists wishing to be considered for future exhibits are available at the Albany Community Center, located at 1249 Marin Ave. Hours are Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For further information on selection criteria or the upcoming show, call Tanna Bellia at 524-9283.

After-school Spanish at Harding Elementary

EL CERRITO — A program of after-school Spanish classes has been in progress at Harding Elementary School in El Cerrito since the beginning of the school year in September. Two groups of students are taking classes. One group includes "mono-lingual" students who have had no previous experience with Spanish. The second group consists of bi-lingual students, who already speak Spanish but have had no instruction in Spanish grammar or literature. Most of the bilingual students learned Spanish from their families in the home, and do not want to have to wait until high school to learn how to read and write in the language.

Rachel Salzmann an experienced full-time language teacher at El Cerrito High School, is teaching the classes. She is assisted in the classes by several of her students from El Cerrito High School. Class size is limited to 20 in the monolingual class and 10 in the bilingual class to im-



ST. JEROME'S SCHOOL in El Cerrito staged a successful fundraiser at the Golden Gate Fields Turf Club on April 17. School parent Ben Atkinson (above with former Oakland Raider great Jack Tatum) organize the gala, which attracted about 150 people who enjoyed big band music and a silent and live auction. The event raised some \$15,000 toward the cost of replacing the school's retaining wall, which collapsed after last year's heavy rains.

prove interaction between the students and instructors. Salzmann's approach is to teach Spanish through games, dialogues, songs and activities, and to strictly limit rote drilling and memorization.

The beginning Spanish classes are offered on Tuesdays at 3:30 p.m., and the bilingual classes on Mondays at the same time. In the Fall the beginning class will be offered on Monday,

Wednesday and Friday. Bilingual classes will be held Tuesday, Thursday. Andrew Austin was contacted for further information: 528-5025. Students from all schools are welcome to join. A charged to cover the cost of the instructor and classroom materials since the class is self-supporting except for the classroom provided by the district.

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Activist demands scrutiny of foundry

By Marc Albert

Thursday, Miriam Kaminsky was nose during a softball game. It wasn't because her daughter's nose was losing. According to Kaminsky, both teams, about 30 from the Berkeley-Albany girl's ball league spent much of the game covering their noses and trying to stay upwind of an insidious odor. Described as that of a burnt handle, the odor has been a part of life for northwest Berkeley Albany residents and a known irritant to state regulators for years. All the kids were complaining about it, all the parents were complaining about it, it was a really heavy odor. There was really nowhere to go to get out of it. One coach thought it was a training break. But I knew what it was," Kaminsky said.

The game was played at Fielding Park, a stretch of industrial land Albany Village converted to a sports field by sports enthusiasts. The source of the smell is the 65-year-old Pacific Steel Casting metal foundry, a few blocks away. At the factory at Second and Gilman streets, 350 well-paid union workers create metal parts for machinery industry. The plant was recently awarded a commendation by the city for its safety, and keeping its well-trained, moderately skilled jobs in Albany.

In many ways the case is emblematic of land-use and environmental struggles throughout the country. Land-use patterns are changing, and every year more housing developments and recreational areas are approved along the edges of Berkeley's shrinking industrial quarter. The Bay Area Air Quality Management District says the public shouldn't be concerned with the odor. The smell is associated with organic compounds which are bad, but aren't particularly harmful. According to the agency, the odors of concern—burning nickel, chromium and other metals—are released, and releases are far below what is considered to be dangerous. The reassurance of regulators is soothed to Kaminsky, who has fought with neighborhood groups to shut the factory since at least the 1980s.

Pacific Steel is putting thousands

of pounds of waste into the air each year," she charged, "including nickel, chromium and manganese, which are known carcinogens and toxins. I don't believe this terrible stench of burning metal is harmless."

In 1989, the plant won permission to burn off some of its waste at the site. The incinerator went on line about a year ago and regulators say the operation is cleaner now than it was before.

Environmental activist L.A. Wood says there's more than meets the nose. Wood maintains that the incinerator is not just a malodorous nuisance, but a genuine public health concern.

By comparing the permit issued by BAAQMD for the incinerator, which the agency calls a "fluidized bed burner" with numbers prior to its installation, a picture begins to emerge. The incinerator alone puts out 2.59 tons of particulates, .7 tons of nitrogen oxide, a key ingredient of smog, and 1.5 tons of carbon dioxide annually.

But as Ted Hull, a BAAQMD air quality engineer contends, the amounts are inconsequential. "Even a small internal combustion engine would emit more than that (amount of nitrogen oxide). That's less than 10 pounds a day. We wouldn't consider that a lot."

Wood insists the air district fully investigate plant emissions and study cumulative health effects. According to him, the board's ruling that the company's emissions are within all regulatory standards is a misnomer. Wood charges that the board overlooks cumulative effects of various pollutants on human health.

"They are losing the forest for the trees. Pacific Steel Casting is one of the biggest dischargers into Alameda County air, and the air board is treating them like a mom and pop cleaners."

But according to the BAAQMD, the state agency charged with regulating air pollution, the smells may be unpleasant, but the odor itself is not a public health problem.

"The existence of an odor problem does not necessarily correspond with a health risk," said Brian Bateman, who leads the district's toxics division. The odor, described by the air board as similar to a burning pot-handle, is created when organic compounds in metal forms are burned.

Numerous complaints of public

"I don't believe this terrible stench of burning metal is harmless."

— Miriam Kaminsky

nuisance in the early 1980s prompted the district to act. The agency forced the company to install an efficient incinerator and raise the height of its smokestack. A higher stack disperses pollutants over a wider area, but in lower concentrations. "There hasn't been any specific complaint, and no public nuisance or notice of violation in at least six years," said BAAQMD supervisor Richard Lew. "The odor was a lot, lot worse before."

But neighborhood groups insist the mix of industry and homes is inappropriate for an incinerator. Wood and Kaminsky say the factory is within 1,000 feet of a day-care center. Wood complains that a public hearing required before stacks are located near schools was never held, though the factory predates the school and the law.

Wood also charges that the complaint process is too circuitous for the community.

"They have to have three people call in one hour and only then they'll come out and take some air sampling. The community is burned out on the regulatory process."

Wood wants constant monitoring of the plant's emissions.

"The last time there was any talk about the health effects was 10 years ago," he said. Wood said the company is allowed to burn 10,000 tons of material annually, and the board won't study cumulative health effects.

"Their main emission is nickel," Bateman countered, "but again they are within established limits. It's a well-controlled plant." Bateman said his agency doesn't commission health-risk studies unless scientists estimate the health risk at over one cancer per 100,000 people over a 70 year period. Pacific Steel Casting is below that level.

"I'm not sure where Mr. Wood is coming from," said company spokeswoman Christine Chan. "I'm not sure what he is talking about. Since (the 1980s) we have done a lot. We were the first company in the country to put in a carbon filtration for the emissions before it is released from our plant. The company has been working within its permit. I don't know what we can do to convince Mr. Wood that we are a health and safety conscious company."

The BAAQMD will hold a public hearing on Pacific Steel Casting Tuesday June 8 at 6 p.m. in the offices of the Department of Health Services, 2151 Berkeley Way.

ALBANY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Focus on Hal Denham

By Roxanne Wiley

I am sure everyone knows Mr. Denham. He has a long history with Albany, first as a businessman and then with the Albany Chamber of Commerce as the manager. He has decided to retire after working all of his life (which is considerable since he is a glorious 94-year-old). Now most of us cannot conceive of a life without retirement. Apparently Hal has just made that connection and concluded that his life should have retirement in it and is going to experience that very thing come the end of June.

He came to our area in 1926 representing the Rawlins Hosiery firm of Des Moines, Iowa. His territory was California, Oregon and Idaho, and later he opened a retail store on Solano Avenue and one in San Francisco. He and his late wife raised their family living in Kensington, where he lives to this day.

Mr. Denham, who has been honored many times over for his work for the Chamber, the City of Albany as well as the Albany Rotary, will be feted at the annual Chamber of Commerce installation dinner sometime in late June or early July. However, for an up-close-and-personal encounter with Hal, there will also be an open house on June 30 at the Chamber office at 1108 Solano Ave.

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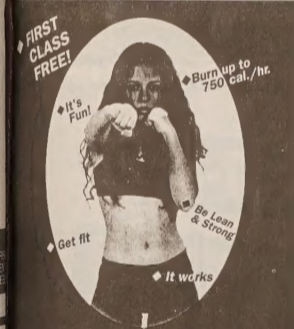
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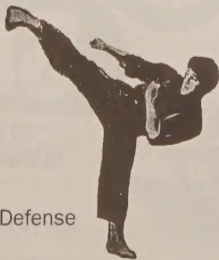
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ENCLOSURE

Birdcalling for good caws

How tweet it is! For the 34th year, the annual Leonard J. Waxdeck Birdcalling Contest will return to the Alan J. Harvey Theater at Piedmont High. The date: Friday, June 4, at 3:30 p.m.

The contest dates back to 1963, when Waxdeck, a biology teacher at the high school, dreamed up the idea as a way to get his students more interested in what they were studying; namely, birds.

It was an immediate hit. The first few years, the contest was held in Waxdeck's classroom. But so many students and teachers from other classes kept dropping in to catch the fun, they finally had to move it to the auditorium.

That's when it really took off. Before long, the Birdcalling Contest became the hottest ticket in the East Bay. Not just students, but grownups, too, pulled every string they could to get their hands on one of the coveted duets.

Every year, the place was packed to the rafters with students, parents, alumni, VIPs and news media. The sight of the students, dressed to the nines, good-naturedly making fools of themselves screeching and squawking, soon became an annual staple of the TV news.

Then, in 1975, Johnny Carson got into the act. He was charmed by the kids, and he was smart enough to know a good gimmick when he saw one. Every year, he flew the winners of the contest down to Burbank to appear on "The Tonight Show," and he treated them like royalty while they were there.

This became an annual "Tonight Show" tradition. Piedmont grads still talk about the 1986 show, when brothers Tim and Jonathan Metcalf did the call of the common murre (which sounds like a long, loud belch), and Carson quipped, "I sure feel sorry for their parents!"

On the 1978 show, when Jim Bowman shrieked the mating call of the Snowy Egret, and Carson said, "Gosh! That was so exciting, I want to mate with Jim myself!"

They also remember how nice Carson was to them. (They have less fond memories of Ed McMahon). And the food at the NBC commissary. The Hungry Peacock, which, despite Carson's running jokes, was great. And the cute little bulldog that always sat at Doc Severinson's feet, just out of sight, all through the show.

For many of them, it was their 15 minutes of fame. And, of course, the

\$400 residual checks, which arrive in the mail every time their show is rerun somewhere, don't hurt, either.

(Except for the students from the 1985 show, who never get any checks because their show is never rerun. That day, the headlines were full of rumors that Carson was mixed up in the John DeLorean scandal, and Carson began his monologue that night by saying, "I want to make it clear that all the things that are being said about me are absolutely untrue." Listening in the green room, the students sighed, "Oh no! There go our reruns!")

But in 1992 Carson retired. Two years later, Waxdeck died from a sudden heart attack. After 31 years, it looked like the Piedmont High School Birdcalling Contest was over for good.

But last year the Birdcalling Contest made a triumphant comeback, thanks to the efforts of three enterprising students: Mandy Gruber, Sara Thierman (now graduated) and Josh Trevorrow, who is now a senior. "It was just too good an idea to let die," says Josh.

Drama teacher Joe Piazza signed on as faculty advisor, and longtime birdcalling coach Dale Porter came out of retirement to help get the ball rolling again.

This year the contest promises to be bigger and better than ever. Nineteen different acts will be competing — up from 13 last year — and six of them will be singles.

"It's way cool that we have so many single acts this year," says Josh. "It takes guts to get up there all alone and risk making a fool of yourself. I give them props."

Almost all the traditions that Waxdeck pioneered will be observed: the same mock-pompous introductions, the same elaborate speeches, and an all-star panel of celebrity judges. This year the judges include Assemblywoman Audie Bock, comedian Will Durst, and Channel 5 weatherman Brian Sussman.

"We're trying to get a sports figure, too, but it's been really hard," says Josh. "The Giants and A's are playing each other that day, so baseball players are out. And the 49ers and Raiders are in spring training camps. But we'll keep trying."

A few customs have been changed, though. Gone is the tacky "Miss Birdcalling" contest. The post-contest strawberry and sparkling cider party, traditionally held in a private home, has been moved this year

Snapp Shots

By Martin Snapp

to the Piedmont Community Center.

The ticket prices have been raised, too. Student tickets will cost \$8 (up from \$5 last year) and adults will pay \$25 (up from \$20). And for the first time, you can reserve tickets in advance for \$50. (Call 594-2642 or send a check made out to Piedmont Bird Calling, Piedmont High School, 800 Magnolia Dr., Piedmont 94611.)

And, of course, Johnny Carson is retired. But the television tradition still lives. This year, just like last, some of the birdcallers will appear on "Late Night With David Letterman" June 30.

As for the future, Josh is graduating this year, along with several other key members of the Birdcalling Club, which runs the contest: Master of Ceremonies Arthur Edmonds, house manager Claire Trimble, Stage Crew director Nick Foster and reception coordinators Suzie Sprincin and Lindsey Berger.

But Assistant Producer Emily Meyer will be back, as will several others, and Josh has no doubts he is leaving the contest in good hands.

"Besides," he says, "there's this sixth grader at Piedmont Middle School named Shira Zirulnik who was on the Rosie O'Donnell show last fall performing bird calls in honor of Sesame Street's 30th anniversary. With young people like her coming along, I have no fears for the future."

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Tennis classic will benefit prostate cancer programs

For the first time in its history, funds raised by this year's Alta Bates Celebrity Tennis Classic presented by Kimberly-Clark will benefit programs for education and treatment of prostate cancer, as well as for other life-saving, life-changing programs and services Alta Bates provides to meet the health care needs of the communities it serves. Organizers note that prostate cancer is now California's second-most-common form of cancer and affects the lives of more than 23,000 people every year.

Now in its seventh year and scheduled for June 12, the classic has raised over \$1 million to support Alta Bates Medical Center programs and services. Last year's event drew over 1,000 spectators and participants and raised \$175,000.

Beneficiaries of the funds raised by the event also include the "Small Voice" Pediatric Communications Program that provides therapy to preschoolers with severe speech and language disorders, and the Disabled Community Health Clinic which provides specialized medical, nursing and social services support to its clients. Other programs that have benefited from the event in the past include cancer, AIDS, youth development and emergency services.

Headlining this year's event and playing in midday exhibition matches will be the 1993 Men's Doubles French Open champions Luke and Murphy Jensen. The Jensen Brothers, known as the "Rock 'n Roll Brothers of Tennis" were recently named among the 100 most influential forces in 20th century tennis by Inside Tennis magazine.

Approximately 35 other media and entertainment celebrities will be paired with community players for exciting doubles matches throughout the Berkeley Tennis Club.

Tickets to the Alta Bates Celebrity Tennis Classic are \$25 each, can be purchased by calling Alta Bates Foundation toll free at 1-800-880-8800. Cost of admission, box lunch and beverage. Children under 10 will be admitted free.

The day ends with a star gala at The Claremont Resort and Spa. Gala tickets are \$175 and include a cocktail reception, silent auctions, dinner and entertainment. Purchase of a gala ticket includes tickets to the celebrity tennis matches.

Live Oak Park hosts annual fair June 5-6

The 29th Annual Live Oak Park Fair will be held Saturday and Sunday, June 5-6, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Live Oak Park, 1301 Shattuck Ave. at Berryman in Berkeley.

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There's something for the whole family. Throughout the day, story-

tellers, jugglers, and magicians will perform. Parents and children can create their own wacky hats and wands at the hands-on activity center.

Bring your own picnic or assemble one at the fair. Then enjoy your lunch on Live Oak Park's rolling lawns, under its huge shade trees. Admission is free.

The 1999 entertainment schedule is as follows:

Saturday, June 5: 1 p.m. Culture Shock, hip-hop dancers of all ages; 2 p.m. Argentine tango with Chelsea and Alisa; 3 p.m. Mary Schmary, a capella quartet.

Sunday, June 6: 1 p.m., swing, Jitterbug and Lindy Hop; 2 p.m. Ar-

gentine tango with Chelsea and Alisa; 3 p.m. FatChanceBellyDance.

Alisa Adams and Chelsea Schmary are pushing the frontiers of Argentine tango as dancers and choreographers. Breaking with the traditions of a female follower with leader, these innovative dancers trade off the roles of leader and follower throughout the performance. They will dance the social-style Argentine tango as choreographed, modern to contemporary music.

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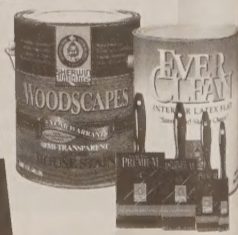
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El Cerrito High School to retain block schedule

By Tony Mercado

West Contra Costa Unified school district trustees gave the nod Wednesday to another year of block scheduling at El Cerrito High School, where students take fewer classes at one time, for longer sessions.

The 4-1 vote means the school's

1,430 students will continue to take three 90-minute classes with the option of a fourth, elective class during the 1999-2000 year.

Trustees based their decision on a three-year evaluation of the program that reported higher test scores and attendance and an increase in the number of students eligible for

state colleges and universities.

Some critics claimed the evaluation was flawed and that block schedules overwhelm struggling students.

Board President Diana Easton voted against the schedule, largely in response to parent complaints that some students couldn't keep up with

the aggressive pace.

Principal Michael Aaronian said the school planned to add several yearlong courses in the fall.

They would likely come in foreign languages and math, subjects where parents said too many students were having trouble keeping up.

IN BRIEF

Lost and found

EL CERRITO — The disappearance of an 83-year-old newcomer to this country turned out happily when he was located in Oakland.

Fliers distributed to businesses on Friday said that Wei Ze-tong, who only speaks Chinese, was lost and had last been seen around 5:30 p.m. on Thursday near Portola and Liberty street.

Police said Saturday that Ze-tong, who had only been in the U.S. for six days and had no money with him, was found near Oakland's Chinatown area.

"We don't know how he got that far," an officer said. "Usually you expect to find someone within five to six blocks of where they were."

Police say that Ze-tong may have somehow gotten onto BART to go all the way to Oakland.

Albany High artists get to show off

ALBANY — It's not just the paintings, but the sculpture, ceramics and photography that Albany High art students hope will inspire people to visit Nexus Gallery in Berkeley today.

And Ed Hill, the school's art instructor for about 20 years, hopes that many will see their quality work.

"It's wonderful," Hill said. "It shows you what high school students can do."

One of the highlights for Hill is to see the students' faces when they walk in and see their works hanging in the gallery.

"They are exceptional people," he said. "It reflects in the work they are doing. I'm really proud of them."

A reception will be held from 6-9

p.m., offering visitors a chance to meet the artists. Light refreshments will be served, and school band members will play jazz.

The gallery is at 2707 Eighth St., at Carleton St., Berkeley.

For information on the show, call Hill at 510-559-6550, or the gallery at 510-549-0703.

LWV annual meeting

BERKELEY — The League of Women Voters of Berkeley, Albany, and Emeryville will hold the local leagues' annual meeting on Saturday, June 5, from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Northbrae Community Church, 941 the Alameda, in Berkeley.

The business session, which will begin at 10 a.m., will address the 1999-2000 budget, proposed subjects for study, and the amended local support positions. The league's outgoing President Doris Fine, will give a report on the 1998-1999 league activities, which will be followed by the election of officers for 1999-2000.

Guest speaker Dr. Carol T. Christ, executive vice chancellor and provost at UC-Berkeley, will be introduced by Jean Saffir, program chair.

The subject of Dr. Christ's talk will be "Women and the University" that will include a broad range of subjects of interest to league members. Reservations for lunch must be received in the league office by May 28.

Eagles celebrate

EL CERRITO — The 60th anniversary of Bayview Eagles Aerie 2323 was observed May 8 in El Cerrito. Charter members Richard C. Bruno Jr. and Delmar E. Wisenor,

and 50-year member LeRoy Lehmkuhl were honored.

The dinner, serving 160 aerie and ladies auxiliary members and guests, was catered by the Contra Costa College Culinary Arts Program.

In honor of the occasion, the aerie made a donation of \$250 to the Diabetes Fund, a charity of Stateworthy President Al Zable.

Fraternal Order of Eagles was founded 100 years ago as a benevolent organization, helping people worldwide.

Bayview Aerie is at 3223 Carlson Blvd., El Cerrito. For more on the aerie or the order, call 510-525-0444.

Parrish to speak at Republican meeting

Claude Parrish, California State Board of Equalization 3rd District member, will be the guest speaker at the May meeting and dinner of the Kensington-El Cerrito Congress of Republicans. The congress will have its May meeting and dinner on Friday at Gonzales Restaurant, 112955 San Pablo Ave., Richmond.

The public is invited to attend. Dinner reservations are available by calling 526-0940. The cost is \$14 per person.

A social hour begins at 6:15 p.m. and dinner is served at 7 p.m. Parrish lives in Rancho Palos Verdes and his office is in San Diego. He is also a member of the California Congress of Republicans. He will be talking about his campaign of running for his current job and what his duties are in his present position.

He serves approximately eight million residents in Riverside, Orange, San Diego and Imperial counties, as well as a portion of Los Angeles County. Prior to serving as a

board member, Parrish served as a Los Angeles County insurance commissioner.

Parrish was recognized by the Wall Street Journal as one of California's leading young business executives and has held positions in management, finance, and the securities industry.

While at American Broadcasting Company Parrish, supervised the management of ABC's Entertainment Center and West Coast corporate headquarters in Century City. He was next appointed as vice president of management by a large real estate trust, where he was in charge of managing properties in excess of \$450 million.

Parrish has served as a district committeeman for the Los Angeles Area Council of Boy Scouts of America, treasurer of the Los Angeles County Republican Party, and as a corporate controller of a securities firm.

He holds a degree in accounting and graduated from college summa cum laude.

Chalk Wrap Up

ALBANY — More than 100 people sketched pictures from their favorite books on the sidewalks of Solano Avenue May 22 during "Chalk It Up For Books."

Sponsored by the Solano Avenue Association, young and old scrawled mice and men on the whitetop. According to manager Lisa Bullwinkle, just down the street animals heard the call of the wild during a pet fashion show.

It is not known which pet won that star-studded event, but apparently nobody tossed paint on the contestants' fur.

STEVE MASLANKA

Pedal power rodeo

PHEN SPRAGUE, 8, takes on the bike course at the El Cerrito Police Department's first bicycle rodeo held last Saturday at Portola Middle School. The ECPD gave out 100 free bike helmets to kids.

Parks

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The 11 city parks is estimated to be between \$925,000 and \$1,000,000. Total swim center needs reported last year at about \$1,000,000, but this figure now is expected to be much higher.

Parent Athan Magganas also filed an impassioned plea for a new playing field next to Portola Middle School. The blacktop area east of the Community Center has been eyed for some time as a potential soccer field to be used by the school and the community.

Magganas said the owner of the West Contra Costa Unified School District, has put aside \$100,000 to \$200,000 to revamp it. "This is a great opportunity," Magganas told the committee. He urged the committee to match or exceed that amount to take advantage of the district offer. There are also hopes to rehabilitate the Canyon Trail Clubhouse as an art studio and to fund a new gymnasium/teen center on the city.

The need for funding and the need for better repair and reconstruction cost estimates were big items of last week's discussion.

"I am not an engineer — I am not a contractor," Kortz told the committee when reviewing the reconstruction cost estimates.

She offered to take committee members on a tour of the city parks to point out where repairs are needed. She has worked with city staff and contractors to come up with the repair estimates, but getting accurate numbers has been difficult, Kortz reported.

"Until it's bid — the project is bid you will not know exactly how the numbers will come out."

The city has put out a Request for Proposals for repair/reconstruction of two facilities — the swim center and Canyon Trail Clubhouse. This process will result in much more accurate estimates about how much it will cost to reconstruct those two facilities. City Manager Gary Pokorny pointed out at the meeting that none of the repair projects are currently out to bid.

The subcommittee that was authorized at last week's meeting will work with Parks and Recreation representatives to determine repair and reconstruction costs, and priorities amounting to \$2 million to \$2.5 million. It was emphasized that the \$2- to 2.5-million figure was put forward only "for argument" so the subcommittee could begin work.

The Committee of the Whole has not decided whether to recommend some type of tax or bond measure be put on the ballot, but there has been talk about a possible November 1999 or March 2000 ballot measure.

In other business

The committee unanimously recommended that the Planning Commission include economic and fiscal element and fiscal-impact policy sections to the city's new General Plan. "The inclusion of both a fiscal 'blueprint' and a land-use 'blueprint' would provide a well-rounded and balanced foundation for the planning processes in the city," stated the official committee recommendation.

Evaluation of fiscal impacts of development, the committee's recommendation noted, should "assure that new development does not reduce standards or increase the burden upon existing residents of the city."

The committee recommended that new development be required to pay for increased service costs, including community facilities, "based

Measures

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handguns" (with exemptions for antique and "war prize" guns) and the bill requiring trigger locks were unanimously supported by the council. The bill banning generic assault weapons and large-capacity magazines was endorsed 4-1. Councilman Larry Damon declined to support the legislation, calling it "too sweeping."

At the request of La Force, an El Cerrito police officer was present at last week's meeting. In a letter to the city manager and his council colleagues, La Force said he made the request "in light of the statements made at the last meeting by opponents of gun control." At the last council meeting, when La Force discussed his desire to place the gun

tax issue on the next agenda, there were heated words from a man in the audience about his gun rights.

"I am very concerned for the safety of the community and the City Council since the Columbine murders," La Force explained in the letter.

In other business

The council unanimously authorized installation of stop signs at five intersections and other signage and street improvements within the Hillside Area Neighborhood along Navellier Street.

Neighbors have complained for some time that increasing traffic and speed of traffic in the area is a danger to residents.

The Hillside area neighborhood is bounded by Navellier and Lawrence Streets on the east and west, and by Gladys Avenue and

Schmidt Lane on the north and south.

A half-dozen area residents spoke at the meeting, talking about speeding automobiles and many accidents and near-misses they have seen in the area.

Denise Navellier, who lives on Navellier Street with her family, said the combination of narrow streets and the speed of traffic "sets up several areas for disaster."

Navellier said she has had to yell at cars to slow down, has seen cars side-swiped and has seen many small animals killed by automobiles.

"I believe that the proposed changes are not only good for our neighborhood, but are also good for the city and for those who use this route," Navellier told the council.

"Without these additions, I believe it is just a matter of time before a major accident occurs," she added.

A traffic study commissioned by the city confirmed neighborhood concerns.

The traffic consultants reported that traffic counts in the area have increased by 8 percent in the past three years, and that most motorists on Navellier and Scott streets drive faster than the 25 mph speed limit. "Because these streets are fairly narrow and have parking on both sides," the report states "vehicles traveling only slightly above 25 mph can still create an unsafe situation."

Specifically, the City Council authorized installation of stop signs at the intersections of Navellier Street and Manila Avenue, at Navellier and Donal Avenue, at Scott Street and Donal, at Lawrence Avenue and Donal, and at Navellier and Scott.

Additionally, two "stop ahead" signs will be installed along with raised, non-reflective centerline markers.

Diverse

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In addition to the usual caps with sports team logo, there was distinctive Indian, Laotian, Chinese, Filipino, Mexican, Sicilian and Egyptian dress. A fellow in a traditional coat and tie might be seen next to someone in flowing silk who might be next to someone in an ankle-length cotton robe. There were more turbans than straw hats or baseball caps.

Barbara Davis from the El Cerrito Human Relations Commission was there in a colorful and festive Afrocentric outfit. Deputy consuls general from Japan and China were in the parade. El Cerrito Mayor Gina

Brusatori, a co-marshal of the parade, attended the festival with her husband Brian Johnson. Richmond Mayor Rosemary Corbin, the other parade co-marshal, and El Cerrito council members Norman La Force, Mark Friedman and Larry Damon also attended all or part of the festivities.

Damon drove his Lincoln in the parade and was at the Community Center festival with his wife and two grandchildren, Alyse and Danny Gallo. He could be seen boogieing to the music well into late afternoon. Richmond City Councilman John Marquez drove his classic orange and white 1956 four-door Chevrolet station wagon in the parade.

"It did indeed bring the two cities together in a celebration that was a

pleasure to be in," said parade and festival organizer Dr. Eve A. Ma to describe the event. Ma is president of Celebrating Culture and Community, an El Cerrito-based nonprofit organization "dedicated to celebrating and showcasing cultural diversity."

Ma's organization received help organizing the event from many community groups, including the El Cerrito Human Relations Commission and the Richmond Friends of Human Relations.

Ma hopes last weekend's festival will only be the first of many. "We had a lot of communities that you don't normally see — and that you certainly don't normally see together," Ma said.

"One other purpose was to con-

tribute to putting this area on the map in a positive light and I really do think that we made a positive impact in that respect."

Next year, the Sister Cities Parade will begin in El Cerrito and end in Richmond and the festival will be held there.

If the energy and enthusiasm of the first parade and festival are any indication, the sister cities event has a promising future.

"It's great — I think they should have it more often," said 12-year-old Fermin Salazar of Richmond. "You learn about stuff you never saw before."

Or in the words of El Cerritan Yusuf Zeitun: "The food is good — the music is good — the costumes are great." What more can a body want?

Heroes

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another such example of returning good for evil in the whole of human history.

Finally, in 1943, the Army was so desperate for cannon fodder, it formed the 442nd as a segregated unit. "We were fighting two wars," says John Togashi of Palo Alto, another of the reunion organizers. "One was the war against Hitler. The other was the war against prejudice back home."

And fight they did, through some of the bloodiest battles of World War II, from Anzio and Montecassino to Bruyeres and Biffontaine. They liberated Bruyeres, France, just minutes before the Gestapo was due to execute more than 5,000 resistance fighters (including the future President of France, Francois Mitterrand, who was then only 16).

Near Biffontaine, they accomplished the impossible, charging uphill in the teeth of entrenched German artillery to rescue the famous "Lost Battalion," a unit of 300 Texans that was trapped behind the German lines. But they lost 800 men doing it.

To any rational military planner, this was a charge that clearly should never have been ordered. But these men were considered expendable. Racism dies hard, even in a foxhole.

When the war was over, they came back home and discovered the old prejudices were still here. Their medals counted for nothing when it came to getting a job. They found were signs reading, "Japs not wanted."

Despite these obstacles, they got their parents out of the camps, married their sweethearts (most of whom they had met in the camps) and created lives for themselves and their families that were an honor to the memory of the dead buddies they left behind.

John Togashi found a job at Hills Brothers, where he invented one of the main processes for making freeze-dried coffee. (He still holds the patent.) Later, he worked for NASA, conducting space simulation tests on American satellites until his retirement in 1992.

He hardly ever talks about the shrapnel wound that nearly killed him, or his Purple Heart, his Combat Infantryman's badge, or his Presidential Unit Citation with two clusters.

Lawson Sakai became one of the most successful travel agents in San Jose, which enabled him to organize many trips of 442nd veterans back to Bruyeres and Biffontaine over the years.

"The people always treat us like royalty," he says. "They call us 'Nos sauveurs' — 'Our saviors.' After the war, they built a road from the center of town up our old base camp in the hills above the city. They named it 'Rue de 442.'"

But he doesn't think of himself as a hero, despite the fact that he was severely wounded four different times. Or the fact that he won the Bronze Star, the Purple Heart (with four clusters), the Combat Infantryman's Badge and the Presidential Unit Citation.

"Nothing special," he says. "I was just doing my job."

There is no way the rest of us can adequately thank these men for all they've done for our country. But if you want to make a start, the men of E Company cordially invite you to join them Saturday at Roberts Park. The ceremony will take place at 11 a.m., just off the south parking lot.

They emphasize that all veterans of World War II are especially invited. This is a ceremony to honor not just members of the 442nd, but everyone who gave their lives in that great crusade.

Considering all that these men have done for us, it will be a privilege to be able to say, "Thank you."

Search

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1970, 1975 and 1978. Harmon said police to revisit homicide cases on those periods and send evidence to the laboratory for a DNA profile — technology only recently available for criminal investigations.

"It's nice to be able to fall back on DNA now. If it doesn't link back to this man, maybe it will link to some-

one else in the database," said Harmon.

Some police agencies, including El Cerrito, are now reviewing old cases, but detectives would not comment on the extent of their investigations.

Albany police have said DNA testing made it possible to reopen the Vile case. Henry Vile was stabbed in the doorway to the couple's bedroom as his wife, Edith, tried to phone for help. Police said evidence suggested Edith Vile was sexually assaulted before she was killed.

Debt

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First Bay Tradition masters left mark

'Honest use of natural materials' plain to see in Alameda, Berkeley, Piedmont

PART TWO OF TWO PARTS
The First Bay Tradition had its roots in a number of earlier architectural movements and traditions. These roots included a variety of foreign and American architectural philosophies that existed well before the late nineteenth century. Last week we took a look at the four characteristics of this movement:

■ Each design uniquely suits the individual needs of its clients. Thus, no two First Bay Tradition buildings were alike.

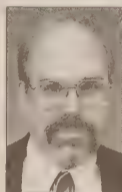
■ These designs incorporated selected historical motifs and combined them with modern building methods and materials.

■ These buildings employed "an honest use of natural materials, honestly stated," to use Bernard Maybeck's poetic turn of phrase. In other words, they used unpainted wood for shingles, clapboards, beams, etc., as well as undisguised stone, brick and stucco.

■ Each building was well integrated with its site and its surroundings.

Owning a Piece of History

By Mark Wilson



Mark Wilson

Unpainted wood and undisguised stone and brick are hallmarks of a distinctive local invention.

Now let's see how five masters of the form interpreted the First Bay Tradition where we live.

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HISTORICAL MOTIFS AND natural materials make Berkeley's St. John's Presbyterian Church a First Bay masterpiece

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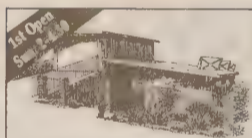
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No. 283 in a series of true experiences in real estate

Last year we sold a house belonging to a woman we never met. Phyllis, as I'll call her, was older and she needed daily help in life. Phyllis' niece, coming to her aunt's aid from her home in South Carolina, had located an assisted living community in Oakland where Phyllis felt comfortable, and had overseen Phyllis' move there.

Phyllis' house in the Berkeley hills was packed to the rafters with her lifelong collection of antique furniture and bric-a-brac, and it fell to Jane to dispose of these.

Over a period of months, Jane flew to California as frequently as she could. She stayed in Phyllis' house, usually for a couple of weeks at a time, while she worked at her task.

Jane wanted to know from Anet and me the usual things: how much the house was worth, how quickly it would sell, and what should be done to the house before selling. As it was Phyllis' money she would be spending on the house, Jane was anxious to spend it wisely.

It was a good situation for us. Jane had little emotional attachment to the house; it was not a struggle for her to let it go, nor did she feel any need to defend what it was. Her objective was to provide as best she could for her aunt, and this we shared, so we were free to make suggestions about what would make the house appeal to buyers.

We stressed that the house could



By Tarpoff and Talbert

be sold as it was. Beyond clearing and cleaning and obtaining some reports, there was no doubt in our minds that a buyer for the house would be found. It was generally in good repair: the roof was new, all the windows had been replaced not long before, and the kitchen and bath were in reasonable shape.

But there were things about the house that, if changed, would greatly improve the appearance of the house.

For example, the exterior was painted a bright apple green. Phyllis had chosen the color; she must have liked it, but we felt it would be off-putting to many people. Also, it was a wood-sided house, rather plain, and of no particular style. We thought it could use a focal point. We came up with the idea of adding a prominent wooden trellis at the front of the house.

The fireplace had been boarded up. We wanted it exposed and made, if it not too expensive, a working fireplace. The wooden floors in the

house were in poor shape, damaged by pets and an over-flowing bath. The living room ceiling was covered with acoustical tiles which looked out of place, wrong for the house. And the walls, in some cases loudly wallpapered, looked sad.

We talked with Jane about all of these things and decided to get inspections and bids before deciding what, if anything, to have done. A carpenter bid on building the trellis, our painters told us what they'd charge for painting and also for covering the acoustical tiles with sheet rock. We got a bid for refinishing the floors and replacing the damaged portions. There would also be expense in washing all the windows, general cleaning, hauling, and hanging some new curtains.

With all the costs in hand, we talked with Jane and estimated for her what we thought the price of the house would be if the work was done. We agreed on painting inside and out and on restoring the fireplace. The termite work wasn't critical; we didn't plan to address it at this end.

Everything else seemed worth doing except we wondered if the trellis and the living room ceiling redo were really necessary.

The trellis would cost about \$500;

the ceiling about the same. What would we get for spending this money beyond the satisfaction of seeing the house look better? Was the expense justified?

There were no guarantees, but Jane chose to do it all and, as it turned out, we think that the house sold for considerably more because of it. Painting and cleaning and beautiful floors sparked up the house considerably.

Filmy white curtains and bouquets of flowers added to a fresh, airy look. A couple of light fixtures were changed and the fireplace brick scrubbed. We kept some of Phyllis' furnishings to use, including a lovely old brass bed and a patchwork quilt. The effect was terrific.

The addition of the wide trellis was, at least to my eye, a master stroke. I looked again today at the before and after photos, and am still impressed by how much visual interest the trellis lends to the house. We had it painted white like the window trim, a nice contrast against the new soft gray-green of the house. As far as the living room ceiling is concerned, no one noticed the ceiling at all once the tiles were gone. I consider that a success.

What would the house have sold for if these things had not been

done? There were several offers from buyers and the house sold for more than any of us had anticipated. The people who bought the house were very pleased to buy it.

We don't think they could say what they would have paid if the house had been different. Probably most buyers aren't aware of the individual cosmetic details that cause them to buy a particular house.

These buyers, for instance, had been looking at larger houses because they have a lot of belongings, and at first they felt that this house was too small.

They came to our Sunday open house at the beginning, went away to look at other houses, then returned to linger, and they ended up buying it. Why was that? Which of the characteristics of the house caused them to make their decision?

At about the same time we were marketing this house, we put another on the market, a completely different situation. The owners had died; their children were selling. The house needed a lot of work: roof, heating system, kitchen and baths all would need replacing. We couldn't pick out anything that could be

done for a reasonable amount of money that would make a substantial difference in the appearance of the house.

Our recommendation was to get reports and bids for repairing the basic systems of the house to present to buyers. We asked that all the longings except a table and chairs (it's always a good idea to place to sit down) be cleared out of the house, and we hired a cleaner to clean the house thoroughly. Clients agreed. Clean windows, a huge improvement, as did the trimming and tree pruning.

We think that the best price received for this house (there were also several bids on this one) was very little. The buyer was one who intended to do a complete renovation before moving in. He was glad to have written evaluations of the house and to receive it clean, but it's unlikely that he would have paid a higher price if, for example, the house had just been painted.

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Beat the heat in a sweet Mission-style rocker

By Don and Dave Runyan

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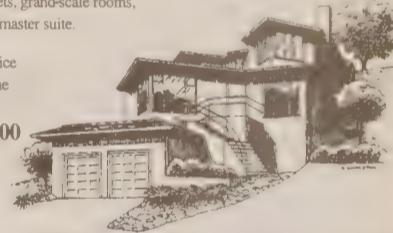
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Internet connects employees to relocation info

It used to be that when someone was going to relocate, the company would tell them the new location and then they would be on their own.

They might pick up the "out of town" newspaper for the destination and start reading ads or to talk to another worker regarding areas or schools or the selection of an agent. People would then send for information that might take days to get.

Now, corporations have sophisticated computer programs to assist transferring employees. An excellent destination services program can help the transferee relocate very smoothly with little down time.

Corporations or their service providers frequently refer individuals to brokers or moving companies or other firms who pay fees for the opportunities to do business. These arrangements help offset the cost of the relocation. Sometimes portions of these fees are passed back to the employee.

In the last few months, companies have developed affinity programs for individuals selling their homes where they "give" frequent flyer mileage for buying a home using a referred broker, or using a particular lender to finance a new home. The cost of the miles is offset by the referral fee being paid to the company.

But let's just say all you want is information on your new community — prices of homes, area backgrounds, distances to business centers, or school information without anyone calling you up trying to get your business.

The information on real estate on the Internet has grown exponentially in the last few months. By narrowing your search, you can find a great

Relocation, Location, Location

By Conrad Bassett

deal of information in short order.

For example, if you are interested in moving to the greater New York City area, you can take out the map and find there are three states that appear within commuting distance to your new office. How do you choose? Where do you start?

For those who don't know, you might consider using a search engine such as Lycos or Infoseek or Excite and searching for a concept such as "New York real estate." The number of "links" that might come up will probably be in the thousands. Many won't exist anymore or the information will be out of date. However, it may bring you to sites that can help in your decision making process.

Using our New York example, we found through Lycos nearly three million links and a quick review gave us information about Buffalo and areas far from Manhattan and did not include New Jersey or Connecticut, both of which are within very reasonable commuting distance.

You can further narrow your search to a city or county and hopefully get more specific information.

One helpful site is www.realtor.com, which lists homes all over the country. Through this site you can search by price and city and certain amenities such as size. This can give you an idea of homes in areas and what they look like. You can also get information about real estate companies that specialize in that area. They also list the name of the

listing agent and a phone number or E-mail address where you can request more information.

Most national real estate companies or franchises such as Coldwell Banker or Prudential have their own Web sites that promote their own list-

ings. Large regional brokerages (such as William Pitt or William Raveis in Connecticut) also have similar sites.

You can also search by size or other amenity. But don't count on finding your dream home as many times by the time you see a house and

travel to an area, it can be long gone.

Remember, the purpose of a company having a web site is the same as having an ad in the newspaper — to make the phone ring so their agents can obtain business.

Also, remember that each com-

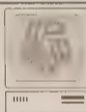
munity will be touted as the place to live. Most towns have sites where you can learn about it as well. You can get school scores and information about rates, too.

Your research can help you when you first make a trip to the area your time will be spent more efficiently.

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1367 East 26th St. - \$119,500
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AN INVITING table setting is easy to achieve for any occasion.

Color, texture serve hot settings

I was asked to speak recently about table settings at Sunset Magazine's annual weekend celebration. While there, I learned a great deal about my subject just by studying it.

For example, setting the table follows the same rules that apply to decorating a room: Follow a color scheme, mix the textures and choose a unifying theme. It all fits in together.

Color

Choose either primary colors or pastels, but don't mix them.

However, neutrals such as white, black, and beige work with either primary colors or pastels. Bright reds, blues or yellows work just as well with off-white linens as do soft pinks and pale blues.

Texture

If you ever feel that your table setting is boring or lifeless, chances are that you need to mix your textures.

If you have porcelain plates, glasses, laminated place mats and serving pieces to match the plates, you have only one texture until the food is dished up. But even food on the plates will not eliminate the need for visual stimulation.

Some of the easiest ways to add texture are using linens, wicker, wood, candles and flowers or greenery. Two or three flowers and a sprig of greenery bring a touch of charm to the table. A napkin in a basket visually warms up whatever you are serving. And candles lend a special

touch to a room, even if all the electric lights are on.

Theme

Following a theme does not mean you have to have holiday decorations for every day of the year.

By theme I mean a "look." That look might evolve into a formal, casual, classical, earthy, primitive, outdoor, contemporary or minimalist look. How many can you think of?

If you are using country French earthenware on your table, your grandmother's silver candelabra from the 1920s might look out of place. Even your inherited French Limoges will not mix in with contemporary French or Italian dinnerware. And your finest china trimmed in gold will not show its full potential against hand-woven place mats. You get the picture.

But there are exceptions: white damask napkins and tall elegant tapers can be used on nearly every table. The important questions to ask yourself are: is the table setting visually stimulating? Do the individual pieces work together? As they say, you'll know it when you see it!

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Tradition

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Bernard Maybeck, Julia Morgan, Ernest Coxhead, John Galen Howard and John Hudson Thomas all left an indelible mark on Bay Area architecture.

Ernest Coxhead

Ernest Coxhead, an Englishman who came to the Bay Area in the late 1880s, was truly one of the creators of the Bay Area's "Brown Shingle" mode, as he was the first local architect to use unpainted shingles in his designs. He adopted the building materials of the shingled cottages of his native land, combined them with an admixture of Early American and English Tudor motifs and added his own unique design concepts.

Two of Coxhead's designs show the range and variety he expressed while using the same materials:

The Greenleaf House, built in 1891 at 1726 Santa Clara Ave. in Alameda, mixed 17th and 18th century English and Early American motifs with brown shingling on its exterior.

The Torrey House, at 10 Canyon Rd. in the Berkeley hills, is a simple and forceful design with a brown



DETAILS of the back of the Torrey House show distinctive natural touches.

shingled exterior.

Bernard Maybeck

Among those who lead the ranks of the First Bay Tradition, the man most responsible for starting the movement was Bernard Maybeck. Born in New York in 1862, Maybeck was the son of a German woodcarver. He took a philosophical approach to architecture, and in many ways his work reflected more of the artistry and craftsmanship than the professional architect.

Trained at the Ecole des Beaux Arts in Paris in the 1880s, Maybeck moved to the Bay Area from New York in 1890. At that time the "back to nature" movement, prompted by such groups as the Hillside Club in Berkeley, a gathering of artists, academics, architects, and esthetes dedicated to the creation of nature-in-

spired order and beauty, was just beginning.

Maybeck joined this club soon after his arrival in Berkeley. He adapted the new form of the California Craftsman Bungalow to his own woodcraftsman's love of "earthy" materials and a penchant for historic details, as well as a mastery of the latest building techniques. He created a personal form of architecture that was to influence his colleagues in the Bay Area for more than 35 years.

Although each Maybeck building is unique, they all possess an enduring beauty achieved by the use of undisguised natural materials, a carefully designed arrangement of interior space to fit the special needs of the clients, and a harmony of lines, colors, and textures that makes each structure seem to be an integral part of its environment.

These highly pleasing qualities of Maybeck's work can be readily seen in his first design in the Bay Area, **The Charles Keeler house of 1894** at 1790 Highland Place in Berkeley.

Though the exterior was stuccoed in 1925 to protect against fire, the Keeler House retains all of the elements that make it the prototype for the entire First Bay Tradition movement.

Maybeck's **First Church of Scientist**, Berkeley, at Dwight and Bowditch Street, was designed in 1910, and is generally considered his masterpiece. This building plays all of his great creative talents at their best; it adroitly mixes elements of six historic styles, such as modern industrial materials, asbestos tiles, poured concrete, factory sash windows.

Julia Morgan

Julia Morgan, the first independently practicing female architect in American history, was in every way the equal of Maybeck, her mentor and close friend.

Only in recent years has Morgan come to be recognized as one of the great creative geniuses of twentieth century American architecture. Incredibly prolific and energetic, she designed more than 400 buildings during her 40-year career.

Born in 1872 in San Francisco and raised in Oakland, she earned her architecture degree from the Ecole des Beaux Arts in 1900. She was the first woman to graduate from that prestigious school.

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immediately went to work for the University of California Architecture Office, under director John Galen Howard.

Morgan helped Howard design many of the University of California Berkeley campus Beaux Arts landmarks, including the Greek Theater and the Hearst Mining Building.

In 1904, Morgan opened a practice with an office in San Francisco. She oversaw most of the details on the construction sites of her many commissions.

She is most admired for the warm, intimate, innovative and livable qualities of her domestic architecture.

Her modest Mediterranean-flavored **Walter Starr House**, designed in 1911 at 216 Hampton Rd. in Piedmont, contrasts dramatically with her extreme exercise in the Craftsman style, **St. John's Presbyterian Church**, designed in 1908 on College Derby Street in Berkeley. Even a



fleeting glimpse of such well-designed structures shows why Julia Morgan is considered a major force in the First Bay Tradition.

John Galen Howard

John Galen Howard, the founder of the School of Architecture at U.C. Berkeley, is best known for his massive Beaux Arts neoclassic buildings on the Berkeley campus, such as the old **University Library** (1907 to 1917), the **Hearst Mining Building** (1902 to 1907) and the **Campanile** (1913 to 1917).

But Howard could design innov-

ative First Bay Tradition residences using natural materials just as well. Two of Howard's early domestic designs clearly demonstrate Howard's abilities in this vein. **Cloyne Court** was the first residence hall at U.C. Berkeley. It was built in 1904 at Ridge Road and Leroy Avenue, and is sheathed entirely in brown shingles.

Howard's second home for his own family, at 1401 Le Roy Ave. in the Berkeley foothills, integrates quite well into its woody, upslope lot.

John Hudson Thomas

John Hudson Thomas was the Bay



ST. JOHN'S Presbyterian church in Berkeley (left) makes an inviting place to relax with a book (above).

Area architect most influenced by the Prairie School of Frank Lloyd Wright. But he also was very adept at blending elements of the Prairie style with Mediterranean motifs and integrating these designs into their sites in the First Bay Tradition manner.

The **Kelly House** at 455 Wildwood Ave. in Piedmont (1910), and the **Merrill House** at 10 Hillcrest Court in Berkeley (1911), mix the horizontal lines and wide overhang-

ing eaves of the Prairie School with Mediterranean materials and motifs, and his own interpretation of Arts and Crafts details.

Like all First Bay Tradition architects, Howard's best designs integrate well with their environment.

Summer classes available

Sign up for one of my classes on historic architecture of the Bay Area this summer. One is in Orinda on

Mondays (call 510-254-2445) and the other is in Piedmont on Wednesdays (call 510-594-2655).

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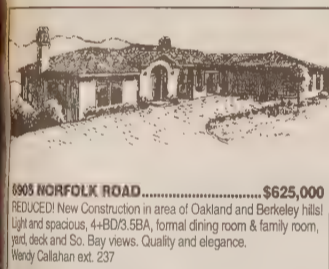


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It seems that someone had backed a car into a hose bib located near a driveway and had broken the pipe. This was double trouble because not only was the line broken but it was also connected to a rental unit behind her house.

When I returned her call, she described the broken hose bib — that copper connector you use to plug your hose into when you water your lawn — had been installed recently, although it had been done before we

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"...Having a contractor for a neighbor can be handy..."

worked on her house. The break at the bottom of the pipe where the car had run over it was relatively clean, and she had turned off the water until it could be fixed.

My client said that she had called

a couple of different plumbing companies listed in the yellow pages and described the same thing that she had described to me. She was quoted fees from \$250 down to \$75.

Considering that the material would cost about \$5 and the job would take about 30 minutes to complete, I told her that I thought the \$75 was adequate and fair. I warned her, however, to not let the lower-priced company come out and tell her that the price had become \$200 due to "unforeseen circumstances."

Many companies that advertise in the Yellow Pages have a strict hourly charge, and will not quote anything over the phone. In a case like the broken pipe, it would be simple to describe — unless the human answering the phone does not understand anything about plumbing.

Unless the person you talk to un-

derstands plumbing, you are not going to get any kind of reliable estimate over the phone.

My client persevered in "letting her fingers do the walking" and got a company to come out and fix the problem for \$75. They did a good job in about half an hour.

Recently, one of my neighbors had a clogged sewer problem early on a Sunday morning. The company that he called to come out to unclog the drain also quoted a price of \$450 to replace a pipe that was part of the sewer problem.

However, he called me first, and I advised him to have the company snake out the drain and said that my crew could do the pipe installation for half that price and still make a fair profit. He had the roofer company do as I suggested, and then on Monday we replaced the pipe, saving

him more than \$200. Having a contractor for a neighbor can be handy.

So what can you do when you have an emergency with your plumbing, it's 6 a.m. Sunday or 11 p.m. Wednesday?

Sometimes, you just have to get your handy roofer company out there and pay the hourly rate. At other times, you may be able to wait until Monday or the next morning and get someone who may be a lot less expensive than calling during non-business hours.

Like my client who shopped the Yellow Pages, don't be afraid to try to get the person you call to under-

stand your problem to see if he give you a rough estimate over phone by diagnosing and min describing your problem. Remem my client who saved at least \$120 assessing the problem and calling eral people until she got a fair pr

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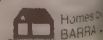
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Buyer's remorse leads ways to wreck a home sale

ated real estate markets, buyer's remorse tends to be a common reason home sales collapse. Nervous buyers, after they've got the house, have second thoughts and back out.

ing this. A hot new listing in the market. The owner has pre-empted the home for sale, and it shows. Fully. The owner and her agent agree on a reasonable list price of \$100,000, hoping it will attract multiple bidders.

the seller decides to wait for one offer. After the broker open house to no offers. Fifteen offers materialize for significantly more than \$25,000 asking price.

winners are ecstatic until the next morning. They realize that they had far exceeded their comfort level for how

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By Dian Hymer



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If you pull out of the deal with plenty of backup buyers handy, the risks are lessened.

much they should be paying for a home.

When an offer is accepted, a good faith deposit from the buyers is usually part of the agreement. This de-

posit is applied toward the purchase price if the sale goes through. But the deposit money could be retained by the sellers under certain circumstances, such as backing out of a deal for a reason not provided for in the contract.

Should you suffer a severe case of remorse, your best bet is to discuss it with the seller, or their agent, as soon as possible. Ask to be released from the contract and ask for your deposit back. The seller may have the right to part or all of your deposit, depending on the terms of your contract and where you're buying.

If the sellers have numerous backup buyers waiting in line to buy if the first buyers drop out, your chances of a release without financial penalty are high.

In our example, the seller was

happy to release a nervous buyer so that a more eager buyer could proceed with the sale. A failed sale is never a pleasant experience, but it's better to have a deal fall apart sooner rather than later.

Two other common deal-breakers are inspections and financing. Most buyers have homes thoroughly inspected as a condition of the purchase. No home is completely free of defects. Minor defects are often overlooked by buyers. But major, unexpected defects, can cause a roadblock that under some circumstances kills the deal entirely.

Many buyers and sellers attempt a resolution to property problems if the buyers still want the house and the defects can be fixed. The solution may involve financing assistance from the seller. Or the seller may ac-

tually fix the problems. Disclosure laws vary, but in many states (like California), defects discovered during inspections must be disclosed to other buyers.

It behooves sellers to work out a resolution with the first buyer because future buyers will also be concerned about the problem.

Financing can also cause a deal to collapse if the buyers are unable to qualify for a mortgage. Sellers can protect themselves by making sure the buyers are preapproved for the mortgage they'll need.

If they're not already preapproved, the counteroffer should require that the buyer be preapproved within five to 10 days of contract acceptance or the deal can be canceled.

Two other financing issues can wreck havoc with a home sale. If the

appraisal comes in low, the lender won't approve the mortgage for the amount requested.

Or, if the lender objects to something in the property title search, this could cause the loan to be turned down. Buyers don't like backup offers. But it may be worthwhile to accept backup if you're the first backup in a multiple offer competition. If the primary deal falls apart, the property goes to the first backup buyer rather than back on the market.

Dian Hymer is a top-producing broker associate with Coldwell Banker in the Montclair/Piedmont office and author of "Buying and Selling a Home in California," and "Starting Out, The Complete Home Buyer's Guide," both from Chronicle Books. Order copies from Chronicle books: (800) 722-6657.

Location, Location, Location

By Conrad Bassett

Know how to work with appraisers

If your employer is asking you to relocate, and the firm has a relocation program, they most probably will need to establish the value of your home.

The purpose of establishing value can be to come up with an offer to purchase your home, to determine your equity for purposes of a bridge loan, or to determine what their expenses might be to relocate you.

This is usually done by having independent fee appraisers evaluate your home based upon criteria given to them by your employer or a third-

party company representing the employer.

On occasion, these services are provided by local real estate agents. You may be allowed to select from a list of appraisers to see who will appraise your home.

Take the time to interview these appraisers so you are comfortable that they know your neighborhood and you are comfortable with their competence.

Regardless of the reason to appraise or the type of individual who will evaluate your home, the higher

the value, the better it is for you.

Typically in a relocation situation, the appraiser is paid from \$400 to \$700 as a fee to appraise your home. The fee depends upon the location of the home, its price range, the availability of data, and the time it takes to appraise your home.

There are several types of appraisals, but for relocation the Employee Relocation Council (ERC) form is used. It is a six-page form and the information contained in it helps the appraiser evaluate your property.

The appraiser is instructed to evaluate your town, your neighbor-

hood, your location within both, and, of course, your lot and the improvements. They are also usually asked to appraise your home so that the price reflects a sale in a marketing time not to exceed 120 days.

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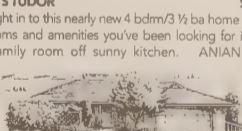
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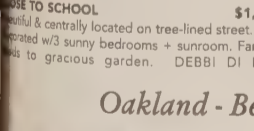
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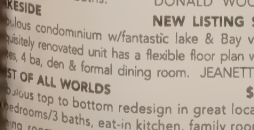
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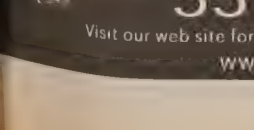
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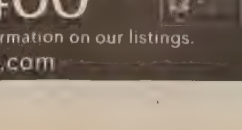
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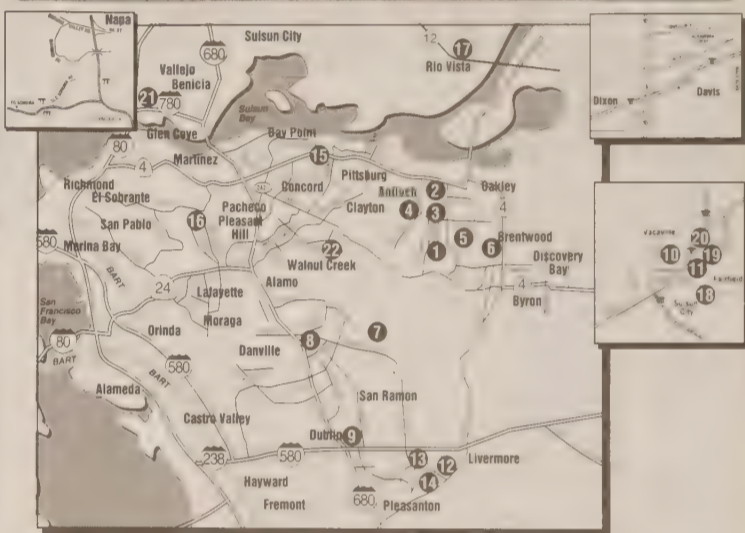
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Appraisals

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The appraiser then tries to find at least three of the best "comparable" recent sales and three competing listings with which to compare your home.

In the East Bay, certain neighborhoods command higher prices due to their locations. Some of the most important location issues in proximity to BART or a freeway or commercial property. The idea is to be close but not too close.

Another factor that makes appraising in the hills more of an art than a science is that there are relatively few subdivisions or homes built with the same floor plan.

Many area homes have also had additions or been remodeled or have finished basements which can make the appraisal assignment more difficult. This means the appraisers have to make more adjustments in coming up with a value for your home.

Regardless of outside physical or economic conditions, you can do things that can enhance the value of your home for an appraiser. These enhancements may also mean a higher value for you if you list your home for sale.

As an appraiser is human, he can

be emotionally affected by a home.

If he walks in and the first thing he sees is red-flecked wallpaper, and the first thing he smells is pet odor, you can be assured that the value may be on the conservative side.

On the other hand if there is little or not deferred maintenance, the house is clean and not cluttered, the value might higher.

The most important things you can do to prepare for the appraisal are not very expensive.

If your kitchen or baths are older, you should not run out and remodel your home for the appraiser. But if you still have an avocado or harvest gold dishwasher, you might consider having the front re-enameled.

However, if you have been thinking about painting the front door and trim because it is peeling, you might consider doing so.

The same goes for other items of deferred maintenance. If there are persistent pet or food or smoke odors in the house, it might make sense to clean or replace the carpeting or the drapes or paint the walls.

Don't be bashful about telling the appraiser about the wonderful things in your home — it might be air conditioning or an alarm system or a water purification system or whatever you find to be important.

The appraiser certainly does not need you to follow them along like a puppy dog, but be prepared to give them as much information as you

can about the home, other sales you might be aware of or a survey of the property.

The appraiser will spend around an hour at your house, which will be measured for square footage and photographed inside and out.

Once the appraiser leaves your home it takes about a week for him or her to gather more pertinent information and to complete the appraisal. In addition to the prices of the comparable homes that have sold, appraisers look at the home's condition, location and the terms of sale.

You can then decide whether your estimate is high or low, and how to use the appraisal when selling your home.

Remember, an appraisal is an estimate of the anticipated sales price of your home.

It might sell for more or less as people many times buy homes for their emotional appeal as well as for their size. And appraisals differ in value from one to another because of individual adjustments.

Title Tech

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669 McClure Ave. - \$215,000
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2278 Oceanside Wy. - \$336,000
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15205 Ranger Rd. - \$326,500
15207 Ranger Rd. - \$381,000
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14009 Seagate Dr. #236 - \$230,000
1137 Tulip Ln. - \$284,000
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TOTAL SALES: 20
LOWEST SALES: \$109,000
HIGHEST SALES: \$435,000
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TOTAL SALES: 5
LOWEST SALES: \$145,000
HIGHEST SALES: \$309,000
AVERAGE SALES: \$223,400

BERKELEY

TOTAL SALES: 17
LOWEST SALES: \$133,000
HIGHEST SALES: \$765,000
AVERAGE SALES: \$404,352

EL CERRITO

TOTAL SALES: 13
LOWEST SALES: \$175,000
HIGHEST SALES: \$337,000
AVERAGE SALES: \$277,653

EL SOLARANTE

TOTAL SALES: 3
LOWEST SALES: \$150,000
HIGHEST SALES: \$315,000
AVERAGE SALES: \$205,000

EMERYVILLE

TOTAL SALES: 1
LOWEST SALES: \$152,500
HIGHEST SALES: \$152,500
AVERAGE SALES: \$152,500

OAKLAND

TOTAL SALES: 118
LOWEST SALES: \$78,000
HIGHEST SALES: \$970,000
AVERAGE SALES: \$246,000

PIEDMONT

TOTAL SALES: 3
LOWEST SALES: \$375,000
HIGHEST SALES: \$525,000
AVERAGE SALES: \$470,000

RICHMOND

TOTAL SALES: 36
LOWEST SALES: \$78,000
HIGHEST SALES: \$750,000
AVERAGE SALES: \$179,000

SAN LEANDRO

TOTAL SALES: 39
LOWEST SALES: \$122,000
HIGHEST SALES: \$380,000
AVERAGE SALES: \$220,000

SAN LORENZO

TOTAL SALES: 22
LOWEST SALES: \$115,000
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1700 GRANDVIEW DR., Oakland/Berkeley Hills. New 5bd/4ba Spanish Med w/approx. 4400 sq ft. 3 decks. Bay views. **New Listing!** Pacific Union, Dee Knowland 339-6460

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6037 FAIRLANE DR., Montclair. 5bd/3+ba. Nw cnstr w/spacious rms. **\$795,000** 5F Bay views from deck & upper level. Pacific Union, Teri Carlisle 339-6460

120 CALVERT CT., Exquisite contemporary in uniquely serene setting. **\$657,500** Wonderful indoor/outdoor living, & perfect for entertaining! The GRUBB Company, Sheila Gallagher 339-0400

6905 NORFOLK RD., Claremont Hts. **Reduced!** Oakland/Berkeley Hills. New construction. 4+3/5. FDR, family room, yard, deck, South Bay Views. Wells & Bennett, Barbara Roessler 531-7000 X264

6625 AITKEN DR., Montclair. 3+bd/2.5ba in private wooded setting. **\$569,000** Prudential CA Realty 339-9290, Kurt Meyer 869-4254

7117 THORNHILL DR., Montclair. Stunning remodeled 4bd/3.5ba. Architectural details. LaSalle Properties, Mel Copland 339-8900 2-5

6310 CONTRA COSTA, Upr Rockridge. Dazzling Bay Views! 2bd/2ba contemporary w/vaulted ceilings. Pacific Union, Michelle Vasey 339-6460

57 SCHOONER HILL, Hiller Highlands. 3bd/3ba end unit. 5F/GG bridge **\$510,000** views. Lg garden patio. Upgraded. Prudential CA 845-0211, Lauren Chou 898-9435

6525 CHELTON, Piedmont Pines. 4bd/3ba quiet custom contemporary. **\$495,000** Prudential CA Realty 339-9290, Gene Boomer 869-4202

6209 GIRVIN DR., Montclair. Rare Find! 3bd/2ba Trad'l English Tudor **\$479,000** w/landscaped garden, patio. Formal LR & DR. Coldwell Banker, Lani Dy 339-1174

629 TRESTLE GLEN, Crocker. 3/2.5 Tudor. Entry w/circular staircase. **\$479,000** Sunken LR. Romantic mstr suite. Prudential CA 834-2010, Lois Harris 287-2521 2-5

1714 TRESTLE GLEN, Crocker Highlands. **1st open!** Charming 3bd/2.5b **\$459,000** Updtd EIK, mstr suite, deck, terraced garden. Coldwell Banker, Suzanne 339-1174

6738 BANNING, Dramatic Montclair 3+2. Room for grand piano & **\$450,000** art work! Updtd kit/bkfst to patio. Coldwell Banker, Ruby Ng/Karen Lum 339-1174

6874 MOORE DR., Montclair. 3+3 superb contemporary in wooded **\$449,950** setting. Cnstr wvs. 2-car gar. Quality! Prudential CA, Andrew Sussman 845-0200

626 CALDWELL RD., Montclair. **New listing.** All level, gleaming 3bd, 2ba w/family rm. Fenced yard. Montclair Better Homes 531-1670

101 PINE HILLS LN., Montclair. Spacious 5bd/3ba contemp in woods **\$429,500** setting. Lvl yd. Terraced decks. 2-car gar. Coldwell Banker, Victor Ratto 339-1174

1800 ROSECREST DR., Upper Oakmore. **1st Open!** Charming 2+2+ **\$425,000** Some bay wvs. Plus room. Prudential CA 339-9290, Emily Lane 869-4232

5741 SCARBOROUGH DR., Piedmont Pines. 4/3 w/stunning bay view! **\$399,000** Aupair, fam rm, 2 frpls. Vaulted ceiling. Coldwell Banker, Nader Davari 339-1174

3005 HOLYWOOD DR., Montclair. 3+bd/2ba Piedmont Pines custom **\$395,000** Brown Shingle contemp. 2 huge add'l rms for 4th bd/office/rec rm. Filtered bay vw. Wells & Bennett, Don Dunning 482-2256

1160 POWELL ST., Emeryville border. 3/1 plus 2 in-law units. Deck. **\$389,000** Prime locale. Emery Bay Mkt & shops. Prudential CA, Logene Butler 524-2526 2-4

8010 SHEPHERD CANYON, Montclair. 4bd/2b. **New price.** Pristine rustic contemp w/sun, decks, space for yd. Prudential CA, Reynolds 845-0200

2071 DRAKE DR., Montclair. 2+bd/1ba. Level home. Great condition! **\$350,000** Prudential CA Realty 339-9290, George Milllions 869-4233

6262 BULLARD, Montclair. 4+bd/2+ba fixer. **First Open.** On 1/4 acre. Pool. LaSalle Properties, Victor Fierro 339-8900

494 WELDON AVE., Grand Lake. Large 4bd/1.5ba Colonial home with large backyard. John Bickley Real Estate 769-1606

6705 COLTON BLVD., 3bd/2ba light-filled contemporary. Enjoy tree- **\$349,000** filtered wvs. Mstr suite, patio, 2-car gar. GRUBB Co, Michelle Winchester 339-0400

20 SERENO CIR., 2/2 stylish twinhm w/SF & Bay views. **New listing.** **\$339,000** Frpl, FDR, 2-car garage. Pacific Union, Martha Holstlaw 339-6460

480 HARDY ST., Rockridge. New 4bd/2ba two story trad'l. Hdwd flrs. **\$329,000** Family style kitchen, FDR. Montclair Better Homes 339-4000

3767 HARRISON ST., Rose Garden. Grt English 4/2 w/style & charm! **\$325,000** Plus rm. Soaring ceilings. Don't miss! Coldwell Banker, Donna Conroy 339-1174

175 SEQUOYAH VIEW DR., 3bd/2ba view home with large yard. **\$325,000** LaSalle Properties, Deborah Riney 339-8900

67 GLENNEDEN AVE., Piedmont Ave area. Charming 3/2 trad'l w/lg EIK, **\$310,000** FDR, & hdwd floors throughout. Prudential CA 428-0900, Nancy Hinkley 644-5440

3940 ARDLEY AVE., Glenview. Charming 3 bdrm Trad'l on tree-lined st. **\$299,000** FDR, bsmt, garage. **1st open!** Wells & Bennett, Noll Davis 531-7000 X263

3931 EVERETT, Glenview. 2+bd/2ba. Lots of house for the price! **\$289,000** Prudential CA Realty, Izumi Tada 287-9853 2-4

4200 MAYBELLE AVE., Top of the hill. End of a cul-de-sac. 3bd/1.5ba. **\$275,000** Rumpus rm. Pano vw. Level garden. GRUBB Co, Ed Kuo 339-0400

4032 NORTON AVE., Redwood Hts. 2/1. Wonderful urban retreat. **\$249,000** Bay views. Quiet. Large lot. Prudential CA, Judith Glass/Sheila Sabine 644-5412 2-4

260 CALDECOTT #319, Parkwoods. 1bd/1ba "Golden Gate" condo. **\$175,000** Superb amenities. Tempton Co, Tricia Swift 652-2133 X140 2-4

10 MOSS #34, Piedmont Ave. Top floor 2bd/2ba. A hidden treasure! **\$137,500** 60's bldg - Y2K unit! Must see! Prudential CA 845-0200, Nancy McGraw 845-0200

5 EMBARCADERO #221, Jack London Sq. 1bd/1ba. Pool & gym. **\$78,000** Walk to shops, dining, SF ferry. Prudential CA 845-0200, Brian Williamson 287-9281

ALBANY **OPEN SUNDAY 2-4**

1052 VENTURA AVE., at Posen. Delightful Craftsman Bungalow. **\$249,000** Ideal, open, sunny location. Seller Financing. Mr. Visser 510-527-4677

BERKELEY **OPEN SUNDAY**

55 VICENTE RD., Claremont. 3+bd/3b Elegant Mediterranean. Vws **\$1,050,000** of city & bay. Courtyd. Prudential CA, Colette Ford 848-1093 2-5

51 VICENTE RD., Claremont. Sleek custom contemporary. 4bd/3.5ba. **\$999,000** Pool. Exercise rm. View. Prudential CA 845-0211, Colette Ford 848-1093 1-5

721 SANTA BARBARA RD., No.Berk.Hills. Elegant 4/3.5 Med Villa on **\$899,000** 1/3+ ac. Office. Wine storage. Bay Area Properties, Diana Yonkouski 486-1440 2-4

1061 AMITO DR., New construction. 4+3/5 w/magnificent kitchen. **\$859,000** Grand rooms. Luxury mstr suite. Montclair Better Homes 531-1570 2-4:30

2823 BENVENUE AVE., Elmwood. 7bd/3ba Includes 2bd income **\$825,000** penthouse. Beautiful original detail. Prudential CA, Warwick May 845-0200 2-4

1 ROSEMONT AVE., Spacious 4+3+ w/lg level garden. Cozy wood- **\$799,000** paneled den w/frpl. Prudential CA, Gayle Tantau/Julie Lehman 845-6021 2-4:30

2750 BUENA VISTA, Maybeck Masterpiece on 1/3 acre! 2+bd/2ba. **\$795,000** LaSalle Properties, Mary Hanna 339-8900 2-4:30

2738 PARKER ST., Elmwood. Fab 6bd/2ba Brown Shingle w/lots of **\$725,000** original detail! Prudential CA, Candice Economides 845-0200 2-4:30

922 SANTA BARBARA, 3bd/3ba Shingle. Great Bay View. **\$579,000** Gardens & More! Prudential CA Realty, Bill Rock 925-253-5482 2-4:30

1051 CRAGMONT, Wonderful craftsman w/Bay Vws. Updtd kit & ba. **\$595,000** 3bd/1.5ba. Large lot. Tempton Co, Bebe McRae 652-2133 X145 2-5

86 TAMALPAIS, Most sought-after nghbrhd! 2bd, studio, lovely vistas **\$575,000** & landscaped garden. Tempton Co, Paul Tempton 652-2133 X131 2-4

1129 OXFORD (at Los Angeles) **Just listed.** 4/2 two-story. Vw. Lg **\$529,000** lot. Gourmet kit. MBR suite w/bakony. Thornwall, Kathryn Hill 848-1950 X242 2-4

740 PARKER ST., Elmwood. 3bd/1ba. English Garden House. **\$400,000** Prudential CA Realty, Candice Economides 845-0200 2-4:30

1096 MILLER, Modern 2+ or 3bd w/great view! Sunny decks. **\$425,000** Prudential CA Realty 849-3711 2-4

449 SPRUCE, Charming Mediterranean w/splendid vws! 2bd/1ba plus **\$365,000** det'd studio. 2-car garage. Tempton Co, Bebe McRae 652-2133 X145 2-5

1227 HOPKINS, Beautifully decorated 2bd/1ba. Fresh paint inside. **\$276,000** Hdwd floors. Frpl. EIK. Newer roof. Red Oak RE 527-3387 2-4

1408 ACTON, Private wooded views from every window of this 2bd **\$255,000** Westbrae home. Pristine. Thornwall Properties, Colleen Larkin 848-1950 X240 2-4

1901 CHESTNUT ST., Adorable, immaculate, affordable. 2/1 w/remod **\$199,000** kit & ba. Gardens. Gazebo. Marvin Gardens, Diane Mintz 527-2700 X28 2-4:30

1272 DELAWARE, Sunny little 2bd/1ba + garden w/deck. **Just listed.** **\$179,000** Hdws. Many upgrades. Walk to BART. Thornwall, Kathryn Hill 848-1950 X242 2-4

1432 BANCROFT WAY, 2/1. Wee cottage. Potential charmer seeks **\$169,500** loving owner for TLC. Estate sale. Great central location. Walk to BART & shops. Marvin Gardens, Terry Pedersen 841-3286 2-5

EL CERRITO **OPEN SUNDAY 2-4**

833 CRAFT AVE., Hills. 4/3 w/panoramic bay vw! Dream kitchen. **\$649,000** LR opens to deck. Rear garden. Marvin Gardens, Terry Pedersen 841-3286

1355 CONTRA COSTA, 3bd/2.5ba w/GG views! **New listing!** Decks. **\$439,000** Skylights. Good floorplan. 2-car garage. Prudential CA, Lloyd Jung 526-5143

1011 KING, 3bd/2ba. Bay View Contemporary w/family room. **\$389,000** Large lot. Prudential CA Realty 849-3711, Mamie 723-9325

557 LEXINGTON AVE., 2bd/1ba. Grandma's house! Large corner lot. **\$199,500** Split level. Marvin Gardens RE 527-9111, Kathy Burt 559-2935

KENSINGTON **OPEN SUNDAY 1-4**

61 ARLINGTON CT., 2+bd/2ba. Level-in. Light-filled. Private yard. **\$339,000** Spacious deck. Grt in/out living! Tempton Co, Anne Van Dyke 652-2133

PIEDMONT **OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30**

1 SANDRINGHAM, 5bd/3+ba. **1st open!** Charming Country English. **\$1,150,000** Lush garden setting. Great floorplan. Mald's rm w/bath. Pool. Pacific Union, Helen Danhaki 547-5750

72 HUNTLEIGH RD., 6+bd/4.5ba trad'l in premier location. Mstr wing, **\$899,000** 2 fam rms. Designer kit. Custom updating. Montclair Better Homes 287-9950

16 SCENIC AVE., Sunny, central Trad'l. 3bdrms upstairs. Formal LR **\$499,000** & DR, Family rm w/blt-ins. Level out garden. GRUBB Co, Anian Tunney 339-1174

109 DALE AVE., 3bd/1ba. **New listing.** Split level. On tree-lined st. **\$499,000** FDR, nice yard, move-in condition. Pacific Union, Francis Heath 339-6460

1317 OAKLAND AVE., 3bd/2ba. **New Listing!** LaSalle Properties, Ken Ferrell 339-8900

RICHMOND **OPEN SUNDAY 2-4**

1317 MARIPOSA ST., R. Annex. Sunny newer 4bd/2ba. **New listing!** **\$599,000** Partial vw. Att'd garage. Many extras! Tempton Co, Leslie Avant 652-2133

SAN LEANDRO **OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30**

554 BLOSSOM WAY, Assumption district. **New listing!** 3bd/1ba. **\$399,000** Picture perfect! Prudential CA Realty 339-9290, Kathy Florence 869-4250

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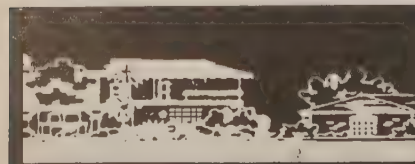
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Capitelli will be the first full-time sales manager since Red Oak was founded more than 22 years ago. Laurie will be managing the largest independent real estate office in the Berkeley area.

Submit "On the move" notes and photos to John Snyder, 5707 Redwood Rd., Oakland, CA 94619.



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Eastern art feng shui helps homes shape lives

More than 3,000 years ago the Chinese practiced the ancient science of living in a state of harmony and balance. They call it feng shui (pronounced fung shway). This practice is applied to surroundings and environment to help you enjoy good fortune. Feng shui translates as the balance of wind and water. It is thought to write aspirations into your life. To analyze your home, an octagon (an 8-sided grid) called a bagua is placed over your floor plan. The center of the house is aligned with the center of the bagua (one of the eight sides) — "career." From career we travel to the rest of the octagon — knowledge to family to wealth to partnership to children to health. This shape represents human qualities of life.

Placing all of these "corners" of your home into balance with feng shui corrections makes it feel good when you enter, and the shift causes chi (energy) to flow.

There are several different schools of feng shui which have been developed, although the basic principles are the same. I practice Black Sect Feng Shui which is popular in the United States. There are some common plights feng shui can field:

West Meets East

By Caroline Patrick

- Why can't I save money?
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- I'm so tired — I can barely get out of bed in the morning.

You may not think of your home affecting these areas of your life, but it does. Your home can still have the charm and look you love, without having to change your decor with Chinese symbols (unless you want to).

My home has a mixture of colors and textures. As an artist for more than 30 years, I found a natural and easy integration into the world of feng shui. I invite you to come along with me on this journey in future columns.

Caroline Patrick is a Feng Shui consultant, artist and herbalist. She combines these skills in a unique practice. She works at 131 First St., Suite G, in Benicia. Call 707-748-1127.



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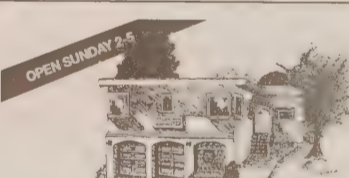


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FEATURED HOME OF THE WEEK



51 VICENTE RD., BERKELEY, was designed for safety, comfort and convenience.

Nestled in the Claremont Hills of Berkeley, this house is within easy walking distance of the Claremont Resort and shopping area. The house, built and first occupied in December, 1993, was designed by architect Jerome Buttrick, then of Reagan, Bice and Associates and built by Gerry Neighbors Construction, Clayton.

The house rests on seismically upgraded piers with a cement slab cap (video of the construction is available).

There is total house security from Bay Alarm, yard lighting system, with movement sensitive security lighting on all corners of the house, and front gate security intercom system.

The heating is forced air gas for the upper level and in-floor radiant heat on the lower level.

Other amenities include stereo sound system, built-in storage areas, automatic lighting in closets, cedar-lined

closets and built-in vacuum system.

The house was designed for the utmost convenience and pleasure of its owners. It has a sleek open, contemporary design, and is level in from the street.

The front security gate enters into a stunning garden and patio area. The front entry has hand-crafted Heath tiles, limestone floor tiles, large double doors and a redwood ceiling.

The hallway into the living area has cathedral ceilings with a dramatic skylight. In the kitchen the cabinetry is maple with frosted glass doors above counter; the counter tops are all Verde marble. Also included are the most modern appliances and a breakfast room with French doors that open to a garden patio.

The floors throughout the first floor are maple with cherry wood inlays. On the lower level you'll find a

double flexible floor plan with three bedrooms and two baths, or a bedroom and a bath plus a guest suite with separate entrance. The lower level includes a fabulous exercise and leisure room with an exercise pool and Roman tub. This room opens to a garden and patio area at the back of the house.

51 Vicente Rd. has the most modern amenities for comfort. To see this fabulous home, please call Colette Ford at Prudential California Realty, Claremont, 510-848-1093.

Take a closer look at ROOF

In "The Unexpected Everyday," photographer Heather Hiett presents an exhibit of bold, colorful, tightly cropped photographs which force the viewer to take a new look at the world around us.

Simple, ordinary objects such as flowers, bridges, piers, tail lights and water are transformed into surreal images, presented in a sublime and dreamlike fashion. The work reflects Hiett's philosophy and observations of the world we live in.

"In this culture, we never seem to be satisfied, even though most of us live very full, busy lives. Constantly focused on the next event, the next purchase, the better car, house, job, partner, etc. we fail to see what we have right now," Hiett said.

"With these images of the everyday I have attempted to slow the mind down and present an alternate view. There is much happening below the surface that we don't often see."

Before she undertook photography, Hiett worked in fashion design, corporate marketing and graphic design.

After completing a design degree from UC Davis, she spent two-and-a-half years traveling and working in the Middle East, Africa, and Eastern Europe. After her return she spent several years working in the software industry, then returned to school to study photography at Laney college in Oakland.

She now pursues a variety of pro-

jects including fine art, fashion, and a photo documentary on female surfers.

During this exhibit, Hiett will donate a portion of her artwork proceeds to Red Oak's non-profit organization, "Red Oak Opportunity Foundation" (ROOF).

ROOF provides funding assistance to dozens of local charities.

Visit the Red Oak Gallery day through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. A reception is scheduled for Saturday, June 11th from 7 to 9 p.m. For more information, call 510-527-1111.



'SUNFLOWER' is one of several compelling pieces by Heather Hiett on display at Red Oak Realty's gallery through June.

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St. Mary's track is king of the hill

Panther boys win NCS sub-regional, team is looking for competition

By Scott Strain

UNION CITY — Three St. Mary's 400-meter runners are looking for some competition. Any competition.

"We don't have much competition out here besides ourselves," Panther sprinter Kimani Lovan said after the Panther runners swept the first three places in the 400 at the North Coast Section Bayshore track and field championships. "It's just St. Mary's all the time."

The Panthers made a mockery of a so-called matchup with Bishop O'Dowd for the boys team title, scoring 120 points to O'Dowd's 60. Mission San Jose, with its bevy of distance runners, finished second with 62 points.

The St. Mary's girls, despite a non-placement from discus thrower Rosie Aikens, took third behind San Lorenzo and host James Logan with 76 points. Aikens scratched all three times from her discus throws, but finished third in the

shot put with a throw of 38 feet, six inches.

Lovan won the 400 in 48.59, Denye Versher finished second in 49 flat; and Jamaal Brown was third in 50.34.

"We're always looking for the top competition," Lovan said. "We can't wait for state to come. Unfortunately we don't always get it (the competition). I'm not sure if all these other sections are as good as this North Coast."

"We don't feel that we going to be pushed next week. Since I heard that (California's) Rico Brown got hurt, we're not going to be pushed at all. Seems like every week is going to be like our league meet, running with these guys." When Lovan said this, he was pointing to Jamaal Brown and Versher.

Rico Brown is one of the top 400 runners in the East Bay, but was hurt at the East Bay Athletic trials and his status for

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SIMONE BROOKS is headed back to the NCS Meet of Champs after winning the 100 hurdles last Saturday in Hayward

Brooks, Diggs hurdles champs

Berkeley track qualifies six to Meet of Champions

By Peter Mentor

Simone Brooks and Daveed Diggs tore up the track at the North Coast Section Tri-Valley Track and Field Meet last Saturday at Diablo Valley College.

The Berkeley High hurdlers swept the sprint hurdle races to qualify for the NCS Meet of Champions, which run Friday and Saturday of this week at Chabot College in Hayward.

The Yellowjackets are sending five athletes in all to the MOC, which is a qualifier for the CIF State Track and Field Championship Meet in June. That number would have been higher, but the Berkeley girls 400-meter relay was disqualified in the trials and Jacket hurdler Kaila Sampson sprained her ankle prior to the meet.

Brooks, a junior, captured the NCS Tri-Valley girls 110-meter hurdles title in 15.20 seconds, but she was far from finished for the day.

The versatile runner also placed third in both the 100-meter and 200-meter races, running 12.52 and 25.93, respectively, in the two events. She also ran on the 400 relay that finished second, but

the team was disqualified on a clothing technicality.

Brooks will now run in the NCS Meet of Champions, where she will go up against St. Mary's High hurdlers Danielle Stokes (14.93) and Spring Harris (15.52), who finished 1-2 at the NCS Bayshore finals. Brooks will run both the 100 and 200 at MOC.

Diggs was also a multiple medal winner at the Tri-Valley meet. The Berkeley junior blazed to the 110-meter high hurdles title in 14.77. Later, he ran a 40.17 in 300 hurdles for third place.

Berkeley sophomore Halihi Guy also had a good day in the hurdles at the Tri-Valley meet. He placed second in the 300 hurdles at 39.73, behind Monte Vista winner Bruce Giron (38.64) and well in front of his teammate Diggs. Guy (15.30) followed Diggs and Giron (15.03) in the 110 hurdles, placing third.

Diggs is the runner to beat in the 110 hurdles at the Meet of Champions, which is the qualifier for the CIF State Track and Field Meet. Only the top four from MOC go on to state.

Quaintis Cann of St. Mary's ran 14.94 to win the 110 hurdles at the Bayshore finals. Cann is the favorite in the 300 hur-

dles after winning that event at the Bayshore finals in 38.31.

One of the most interesting athletes at Berkeley has got to be Crystal Copes, who competed in triple jump, shot put and discus.

Copes placed third in the triple jump at 33-11.5 feet and sixth in the shot at 35-8.5 feet. The Berkeley High senior qualified for both events at the Meet of Champions, but missed on the discus.

"She is very short, really compact," said Berkeley coach Maurice Valentine of Copes. "Her lower body is strong. You wouldn't know she was a shot putter."

Two other qualifiers from Berkeley High included sophomore Stacey Harvey, who placed fifth in the discus at 99-7, and junior Laura Winnacker, who placed sixth in the high jump at 5-2.

Best marks

Valentine said most of the top athletes didn't go out as hard as they could have, because the goal was just to qualify for the next round. It was also windy at Chabot College last weekend and there

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Keith guts it out to keep Gauchos relay alive

El Cerrito sprinter fights pain to help mile relay team advance at North Coast

By Scott Strain

UNION CITY — Of all the athletes at the North Coast Section Bayshore track and field championships on Saturday, El Cerrito sprinter Katrina Keith displayed the most intestinal fortitude.

Running with a sore groin muscle that was getting worse with every stride she took, Keith gamely kept on running the anchor leg of the 1,600-meter relay, finishing in fourth place and keeping her team alive for at last one more meet.

That meet is the NCS Meet of Champions, to be held Friday and Saturday at Chabot College in Hayward.

That she collapsed and writhed in pain and tears at the finish line is almost inconsequential; her team had qualified and she did what she had set out to do. The Gauchos qualified third in 4:02.12 behind San Lorenzo, which won in 3:53.77.

Keith first felt a twinge in her leg in the 100, where she qualified seventh in

12:46. She had already helped her team qualify in the 400 relay, where she ran second leg. The Gauchos finished fourth in 48.16. And she qualified in the 200, finishing sixth in 25.74.

"I did pretty good," Keith said after the 100. "But I'm not normal to their track. Their starting blocks were further back from the line, and I'm not used to it. I almost missed my race; I was still warming up. I had to jump over a fence and it kind of wore me out. I didn't feel too well, but I did my best. I was a little scared I wouldn't make the race."

Keith stretched to qualify in the 200 and then came the 1,600 relay. "She gave it all she had," said Shalonda Reynolds, who ran the first leg. "I hope it's not so bad that she can't run in the MOC. She gave us that extra effort. We're really proud of Katrina."

The El Cerrito foursome consisted of Reynolds, Rashida Coleman, Alison Post,

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ST. MARY'S Justin Kelley heads for home in a game against Piedmont. The Panthers didn't get enough scoring however in their North Coast Section 2A baseball playoff game against Campolindo Tuesday night.

Silent bats send Panthers home

St. Mary's early lead not enough at NCS

By Curtis Pashelka

MARTINEZ — It looked as if the St. Mary's High School baseball team was going to chase Ryan McGraw out of Tuesday's North Coast Section 2A East Bay quarterfinal game before the first inning even ended.

Six innings later, the Panthers finally did. But it was too late.

After jumping on Campolindo's starting pitcher for four runs in the top of the first inning, including a two-run homer by Craig Nord, the St. Mary's bats fell silent for nearly the rest of the game.

McGraw and the rest of the Cougars then regrouped to post a 9-6 win over the Panthers at Alhambra High School.

St. Mary's sent eight batters to the plate in the first inning, but went down in order in the next four. At one point, McGraw had retired 14 straight batters.

"It was probably a combination of (McGraw's) pitching and our team making too many mistakes," St. Mary's coach Andy Shimabukuro said. "He pitched

"They jumped on our mistakes and we never took advantage of our big lead in the first inning. We should have kept at them instead of taking our lead for granted."

— Anthony Miyawaki, St. Mary's pitcher

well, but we gave Campolindo way too many runs tonight. We didn't give our pitcher too much support."

Campolindo had only three earned runs thanks to four Panther errors.

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EC, Berkeley measure success a little at a time

Local swimmers compete at North Coast Section meet

By Mike McGreehan

Some high school swimming teams measure success by the number of sectional championships they win. Most also take immense pride in the number of individual championships they produce.

But for some teams, success comes in increments. And for many of them, just qualifying for a sectional championship meet is a success.

Take El Cerrito High, for instance. The Gauchos brought a contingent of six boys to compete in four events at the North Coast Section meet at Indian Valley College in Novato last weekend.

Although El Cerrito failed to advance beyond Friday's trials in each of its events, it still experienced success.

"They were stronger in general (than last year)," said El Cerrito coach Blythe Lucero. "It wasn't that we just squeaked by (to qualify for the NCS)."

El Cerrito began the meet with a 32nd-place finish in the 200-yard medley relay trials. Nelson Chow, Eric Chow, Bryan Lam and Greg Melis combined to swim the event in 1:51.94. El Cerrito had entered the meet with a seeded time of 1:50.04.

The top eight finishers in the trials advanced to the Saturday's finals. The ninth- through 16th-best times swam in the consolation heats Saturday.

Clayton Valley, by the way, had the best qualifying time Friday (1:38.39). De La Salle (1:44.26) had the 16th fastest qualifying time.

Clayton Valley went to win the event final with a swim of 1:37.15.

El Cerrito did slightly better in the

200 freestyle relay trials, as Melis, Nick Umemoto, Greg Quan and Lam combined to record the 31st fastest time at 1:36.25. The Gauchos had a seeded time of 1:35.63 entering the meet.

Lam had the Gauchos' only other two swims. The 50 free trials went smoothly, as Lam was 38th among 39 competitors with a time of 23.21. Things weren't so smooth in 100 butterfly qualifying, however, as Lam got disqualified. Lam's disqualification was doubly unfortunate as he swam his best time of the season at 56.20 (he had entered the meet seeded at 56.28).

"I think the judge gave a mis-call," said Lucero, who insisted that she had prepared her team well enough to avoid the fouls that lead to disqualification.

"That's a slight on the coach more than on the swimmer," Lucero added about Lam's disqualification. "They said he had alternating feet (the kick used in freestyle but not allowed in butterfly) I don't think he did that. As a coach, I wouldn't allow that to happen."

For Lam, who will concentrate on academics when he enters Cal in the fall, the meet was still a memorable one.

"It was the last meet of my senior year," he said. "It was a great last run."

Berkeley results

In other events, Berkeley High's Zachary Diner finished 20th in last Thursday's diving championships (139.20 points).

Joel Fatheree was 24th in the 200 individual medley trials for the yellowjackets (2:03.68). He also was

28th in the 500 free trials (5:01.87).

Berkeley's boys were also 30th in the 200 medley relay trials (1:50.21), but got disqualified in the 200 free relay trials. Fatheree, Ryan Jones, Nick Stohlman and Raymond Chetty swam the medley relay for the yellowjackets. Fatheree, Stohlman, Chetty and Jonah Bilovsky-Muniz competed in the free relay.

When the meet ended Saturday, Clayton Valley had won the boys team championship with 231 points. Las Lomas (205) was second, followed by Campolindo (157), Acalanes (147), the Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League's Piedmont (141.5) and the East Bay Athletic League's California High (134).

The girls team championship went to Campolindo (235), which edged defending champion Carondelet (231). Miramonte (188) was third, followed by Amador Valley (178) of the EBAL, Las Lomas (167), Clayton Valley (147), Northgate (122.5) and Monte Vista (118), also of the EBAL.

Trent Holsman of Ygnacia Valley provided the meet's biggest highlights. On Friday, Holsman set a meet record of 44.74 in the 100 free trials. On Saturday, he lowered the NCS standard even more, going 44.66 in the final.

Earlier Saturday, Holsman won the 500 free in a blazing 20.41. Holsman's time barely missed tying the NCS record of 20.40 that former Cal and Olympic star Matt Biondi set while swimming for Campolindo in 1983.

Holsman will again follow Biondi's lead when he begins attending Cal on a swimming scholarship in the fall.

alternate who ran mostly in trials. Nycrole Brown, Tatiana Newman and Jasmine Williams were also on that team and they won't get a second chance this year.

Valentine said one of his runners had different undergarments on and the official had to look under their shorts to even notice.

Relay members must all be wearing the same uniforms and they are not informed until after the race is completed that something is not right.

Gators kick off summer swim season

By Mike McGreehan

More and more, competitive swimming has become a sport that people of all age groups can enjoy.

It's also sport where all of them have potential for success, as some El Cerrito swimmers proved in separate meets earlier this month.

On May 15, the youth swimmers of the El Cerrito Gators enjoyed success in the Rio Vista Pentathlon. In Santa Clara two days earlier, Juliet Cox of the El Cerrito Aquatic Masters made her mark at the 1999 Masters Short Course National Championships.

Cox placed sixth in the 1,650-yard freestyle for the 30-34 women's age group.

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this weekend's Meet of Champions at Chabot College is uncertain.

There was a plethora of other fine performances by St. Mary's track and field athletes.

Quaint Cann won both the 110 high and 300 intermediate hurdles, continuing the great tradition of Panther hurdlers such as Robert Read.

Cann won the highs in 14.94 and won the intermediates in a meet record time of 38.31. He beat Rich Nero's mark of 38.51 set in 1998.

Nero, of course, was from St. Mary's. "There is a tradition of great hurdlers at St. Mary's," Cann said, "and you're very aware of it. You want to continue it."

The St. Mary's quartet of Courtney Banks, Paki Gordon, Chris Dunbar and Versher won a blistering 400 relay where both the Panthers and Bishop O'Dowd broke the meet record of 42.46 set by James Logan in 1997. The Panthers won in 42.14 with the Dragons finishing in 42.33.

High jumper Spring Harris tied the meet record of 5-8 on her last attempt before trying 5-9. She tipped the bar going over at 5-8, it wobbled

Gauchos

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and Keith, but the order may change.

"We have to change around and have Katrina run the last leg, so she can determine how she feels and how well she can run," said El Cerrito coach Dave Cash. "We have to be one team to move forward. We can't change runners."

Reynolds was the only other individual qualifier for El Cerrito; finishing second in the 300 hurdles in a time of 45.33. Lisa O'Conner of Mission San Jose won the event in 44.61.

Panthers

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After St. Mary's pitcher Anthony Miyawaki walked the first two batters of the game, center fielder Justin Kelley slipped and dropped a Kyle Irving fly ball.

That allowed Justin Bone to score Campolindo's first run from second base. Two batters later with runners on the corners, Robert Filipas was caught in a rundown at first base, but held out long enough to allow Irving to score from third.

The Cougars took the lead for good in the third inning by scoring

MEET OF CHAMPIONS QUALIFIERS

Boys

100 - 6. Paki Gordon, 11.33.
200 - 1. Denye Versher 22.26; 5. Chris Dunbar 22.76; 7. Paki Gordon 22.80.
400 - 1. Kimani Lovan 48.59; 2. Versher 49.00; 3. Jamaal Brown 50.34.
110H - 1. Quantis Cann 14.94.
300H - 1. Cann 38.31; 7. Brown 42.30.
400 relay - 1. (Cann, Gordon, Dunbar, Versher) 42.14.
1600 relay - (Lovan, Courtney, Brown, J. Brown, Versher) 3:22.98.
High Jump - 1. Ebon Glenn 6-6.
Long Jump - 6. Solomon Welch 20-61/2.
Triple Jump - 1. Trestin George 45-11; 2. Welch 45-8; 3. Asokah Muhammad 44-11/2.
Shot Put - 4. James Powell 46-10.
Discus - 2. Warren 127-101/2.

Girls

100H - 1. Danielle Stokes 14.93; 2. Spring Harris 15.52.
300H - 4. Harris 46.10.
1600 - 3. Bridget Duffy 5:14.13.
3200 - 3. Duffy 11:56.23.
400 Relay - 6. (Stokes, Tiffany Johnson, Felise Guillory, Shameka Spivey) 49.63.
1600 Relay - 6. (Riana Shaw, Guillory, Kristin Broady, Jacqueline Bryant) 4:06.97.
High Jump - 1. Harris 5-8; 2. Shaw 5-0.
Shot Put - 2. Kmya Warren 40-10; 3. Rosie Aikens 38-6.
Discus - 2. Warren 127-101/2.

and stayed put.

"I didn't see that," said Harris. "I was just happy I got over it. That was the best jump I've ever had in competition."

Harris also qualified for the MOC by finishing second to teammate Danielle Stokes in the 100 hurdles in

15.52 and fourth in the 300 hurdles in 46.10.

All in all, a good day for St. Mary's track and field athletes at James Logan High. They had a couple of more of the same weekend in Hayward.

Boys relays qualify

The Gauchos' boys teams, not having no qualifiers in the meet, did manage to get into the MOC finals in the 400 and 1,600 relay events.

The 400 relay team of Zakley, Ivan Winzer, Brad Moschese, Tabaris Foster qualified seventh in the 400 relay at 45.17. The quartet qualified in the 1,600 relay finishing third in 3:28.18.

three runs. After their first four batters reached base to score two runs, a Miyawaki wild pitch allowed Josh Isaacs to score from third base to give Campolindo a 5-4 lead.

"They kind of jumped on our mistakes and we never took advantage of our big lead in the first inning," Miyawaki said. "We should have kept at them instead of taking our lead for granted."

Lead slips away

The Cougars held their one-run lead until the sixth inning, where the Panthers defense once again self-destructed to allow the Cougars to count four more runs.

Shortstop Jeremiah Felder booted

a Mike Gorman ground ball him on first. After John Graw walked and Kevin Coupe bled single to load the bases, Bonelli per to left field scored pinch runner Adam Koonce.

St. Mary's looked as if it might escape further damage as it moved the next two outs. But then, it struck.

A ground ball by Irving to first baseman Omar Young turned into an adventure when Young's toss base sailed over Miyawaki's head.

Campolindo scored two runs on the play and later added another to bring the score to 9-4.

The Panthers had a chance to tie the game in the seventh when they added two runs, including Miyawaki solo shot, to chase Graw. Then with two runs they had two potential tying runs in the form of Brian Graw and Tyson Wong. But pitcher Dan Gala got both batters out for the final two outs of the game.

"We definitely weren't just to be here," Miyawaki said. "We thought we could come out and play with these guys. But we made too many mistakes."

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The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) has issued an Emergency Permit for on-site treatment of laboratory reactive wastes to

University of California, Berkeley
Berkeley, California 94720

The DTSC issued the Emergency Permit pursuant to Section 66270.61, Title 22, California Code of Regulations

This one-day permit allowed the University of California, Berkeley (UCB) or their authorized agent, to treat approximately one pound of outdated sodium metal and 100 ounces of oil-dated ether at the University of California, Berkeley - Richmond Field Station located at 1301 South 46th Street, Richmond, California. The UCB contracted with Advanced Environmental Technical Services (AETS) to perform the treatment

These reactive wastes were discovered during inventory and restocking of lab materials. The treatment method authorized is stabilization/densification by the addition of water or mineral oil to the appropriate waste stream under closely monitored conditions. Once stabilized, these wastes would no longer be reactive and could be safely shipped offsite for disposal

Under the Emergency Permit, the reactive wastes were moved from the laboratory building to a remote site at the campus using a bomb basket with a ballistic blanket. Transportation was coordinated through AETS and the UCB Campus Police. Due to their instability, these reactive wastes were classified as a Prohibited Explosive under Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 173.54(d). Therefore, treatment of these wastes had to be performed on-site as UCB and AETS were prohibited from transporting the reactive wastes on public roads

The Emergency Permit was necessary because (1) Removal of the reactive wastes from the laboratory reduces the danger to UCB staff; (2) AETS was unable to transport the reactive laboratory wastes on public roads because they were classified as a Prohibited Explosive under federal law; and (3) The laboratory reactive wastes were unacceptable at disposal facilities without first being stabilized.

Due to small amounts of reactive wastes to be treated at any one time and considering that these activities would be done in a remote location on a Sunday, no exposure to the public was expected in case of an accident and no releases from an upset condition were expected beyond the limits of the parking lot's isolation buffer zone.

The Emergency Permit was issued on May 6, 1999 and was valid only for May 9, 1999. The treatment authorized under the Emergency Permit was successfully conducted without mishap. Copies of the Emergency Permit and related documents are available for public review at the DTSC Berkeley Office, 700 Heinz Avenue, Suite 200, Berkeley, California 94710

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Multimedia Notes

By Bill Mann

Zehnder, as always, departs from newsroom on the high road

It will be the passing of an era in local broadcast journalism when Channel 2 news director Fred Zehnder retires after today's (Friday's) 10:00 newscast. For 21 years, the shy, low-key Alamedan has set and maintained a high standard for local television news. Zehnder has shown that quality and quantity can coexist: KTVU's acclaimed, award-winning 10 p.m.



FRED ZEHNDER

newscast has dominated local TV news ratings here for years. The quiet dignity that emanated from Zehnder's corner space in the Oakland newsroom — the office with the signed picture of Edward R. Murrow — will be acutely missed.

Quality and integrity still count, and the 65-year-old Zehnder, an admitted newspaper junkie who will "retire" to devote full-time to the San Leandro weekly he founded and publishes, has demonstrated this in his personal and professional lives. Fred is the embodiment of the phrase "class act."

The word "beloved" is overused, but in Fred Zehnder's case, it fits. I can't name a single Channel 2 reporter or anchor, remarkably, who's left Zehnder's news shop to work at another local TV station. This in a business well-known for talent defections and turnover. If you're lucky enough to get to work for Fred Zehnder, you stay. It's not that much of a stretch to call KTVU the New York Times of local television news — as befits a news department run by a lifelong newspaper lover.

I can recall 13 news directors who have come and gone at the other major local stations — KRON, KGO, and KPIX — in the 15 years I've covered Bay Area broadcasting. The Jack London Square station has had just one — Zehnder. And in a high-pressure, high-stakes business often marked by overweening ambition, vanity, angst and backbiting, amazingly, I've never heard an unkind word from anybody about the sweet, mild-mannered news exec.

"He taught me journalism," says respected Channel 2 reporter John Fowler, who, like everyone else in the KTVU newsroom, is a devoted Zehnder fan. "He's shaped this whole newsroom and filled it with quality people."

"I've never in my life met anyone I respect as much personally or professionally," says Channel 2 anchor Dennis Richmond, who had just started as a KTVU anchor when Zehnder arrived in 1976 from KPIX to work as an assignment editor.

"I've turned down several more lucrative jobs just to stay at Channel 2 to be with Fred," echoes veteran reporter Rita Williams, adding, "I was Fred's first hire as news director 21 years ago."

The award-winning Williams adds: "Fred sets a standard of excellence that follows all the way down."

That was obvious during the two-year period I worked at Channel 2 as a part-time news writer. Every word in virtually every script for the 10 p.m. newscast is scrutinized, and many are questioned and then rewritten. Sound news judgment is a given in KTVU's newsroom, and "fairness and accuracy" is the mantra in Zehnder's news operation. And here, at least, good writing is still prized.

"Fred has journalistic integrity and news sense," says Williams. "It's really the end of an era. You really don't find that any more."

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JAMES PARSONS tells a story called "The Rabbi and the 29 Witches" at the monthly meeting of the Storytellers of Berkeley-Oakland



ELAINE STANLEY tells her story, "Truth."

It's story time

The allure of telling tales proves to be far-reaching

By Vera H-C Chan

"THERE ONCE was a man who loved to dance and who loved to walk."

"This is a true story from when I was 15 years old. I was born and raised in Oakland, so I'm very rare."

"Once, there was a pretty young woman. And she lived alone..."

"So, another story? Anybody got a story?"

Look past the checkout counter, through the children's section and all the way back in the meeting room of the Claremont branch of the Berkeley public library. There you'll see about half a dozen people sitting

in a circle of chairs. It is the second Tuesday of the month, when the Mixed Bag Storytellers of Berkeley-Oakland come out to do what they best love to do.

The attendance is smaller today because the other regulars are busily preparing for the Bay Area Storytelling Festival, which is this weekend. Where a story is concerned, though, it doesn't matter if there are 100 people or just two. When a story begins, it is just the words and body of the teller and the ear and mind of the listener.

But perhaps we should start at the beginning. Many years ago, a group

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Jazz musician hopes to let music do his marketing

By Corey Lyons

At 49, Steve Deutsch is a seasoned veteran of the music business — and an unseasoned rookie.

More than three decades into his musical career, Deutsch is just now entering uncharted territory: marketing.

Which helps explain the flautist-saxophonist's jittery nerves of late. His band, the Steve Deutsch Ensemble, has recently released its first album, "Going Somewhere Fast."

If the title of the jazz album is any indication, Deutsch is bracing for a trek into the unknown.

The artist has played music most of his life; he's marketed it for less than a month.

PREVIEW

Who: Steve Deutsch

What: CD release party for "Going Somewhere Fast" by the Steve Deutsch Ensemble

When: 8 p.m. Thursday, June 17

Where: La Pena Cultural Center, 3101 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley

Cost: \$7

Call: 510-533-6750

Stress time.

"Before it was just the music. Now it's a whole different, business thing," says Deutsch, who will hold a release party at the La Pena Cultural Center in Berkeley on June 17. "It's almost as though one has nothing to do with the other."

Deutsch, an Oakland resident raised in Chicago, had never planned

on releasing his own material until about four years ago.

"Man, I'm getting older and if I'm going to do it, I've got to do it now," Deutsch says he told himself.

Of course, Deutsch has dedicated countless hours of his life over the past two decades improving the lives

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STEVE DEUTSCH

HOT SHEET!

Open studio in Emeryville

■ Ripe and juicy women, winking eyes and playful installations are images that are not usually associated with the macho art of welding. Welcome to the "Open Studio" event at Vickie Jo Sowell's Unruly Images studio. Free and open to the public two weekends in June — June 5, 6 and June 12, 13, 11-6 p.m. — Unruly Images is located at 3616 Peralta St. behind the Pac 'N Save shopping center) in Emeryville. Call the Unruly Images Studio for more information at 655-7374.

Dance of the dead

■ The Aurora Theatre Company's seventh season concludes with a revival of August Strindberg's "The Dance of Death (Part One)," directed by Richard Rossi, and featuring Marvin Greene, Lee Ann Manley and Julian Lopez-Morillas. "The Dance of Death (Part One)" plays Wednesdays-Sundays, through June 20 at the Berkeley City Club, 2315 Durant Ave., Berkeley. Showtimes are 8 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday; 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets, priced from \$22 to \$32, are available by calling the Aurora Theatre box office at 843-4822.

EVENTS

Oakland Museum of California

Bay Area Sculptors Group Exhibition V: The Object, features the work of four Bay Area sculptors: Margaret Herscher, Charlie Milgrim, Eddy Martinez Hood and Jane Grimm. Each artist turns found objects into new ones and recreates common objects from unexpected materials.

The exhibition is on view at the museum of California Sculpture Court at City Center, 1111 Broadway, Oakland, through Sept. 11.

Sculpture court hours are 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Admission is free. For more information, call 1-888-625-6873.

Local author

Veteran Berkeley letter carrier Ron Williams' new book is written straight from the mailroom floor.

The book, "Deliver Us From Evil" (Xlibris, \$25), tells the story of a disgruntled letter carrier (heads up), Hector Soto, who is angry at his boss whom he suspects of having an affair with his wife. The plot is a risqué one given that "going postal" has become a popular '90s euphemism.

Williams, an Oakland resident who grew up in Ohio, has been a letter carrier for the Berkeley post office for the past 12 years.

Williams, who lived on the East Coast before moving to Oakland in 1985, regards Stephen King and James Baldwin among his literary influences. "Deliver Us From Evil" which took a year to complete, was written primarily during Williams' annual 12-week leave. The 228-page book can be purchased at Amazon.com or on Williams' Web site (<http://members.aol.com/ronwilliams>).

Music Festival

The Julia Morgan Center for the Arts will kick off its first American Broadway Music Festival Saturday, May 29, in a series of concerts dedicated to turn-of-the-century show tunes and popular big band sounds.

The Mood Swing Orchestra, a 12-piece group featuring some of the Bay Area's brightest young musicians, will perform at 8 p.m. on May 29.

The band will celebrate the sounds of Duke Ellington. Tickets are \$10-\$20.

Dmitri Matheny's 17-piece big band, in a concert dedicated to George Gershwin, will perform at 8 p.m. on Saturday, June 5. Tickets are \$15-\$25.

A group of East Bay jazz musicians, including Buddy Conner, Faith Winthrop, Ann Dyer and Stephanie Bruce, will perform popular tunes immortalized by Cole Porter in a June 12 bash. Tickets are \$15-\$25.

Oakland's Perfect Peace Church, a gospel under the direction of Pastor Donald Bowen, will perform at 8 p.m. on Saturday, June 19, and Sunday, June 20. The group will perform a play called "Because He Lives." Tickets are \$10-\$20.

Composer Richard Rogers, joined by young members of the Ross Valley Theater Group, will take the stage at 8 p.m. during the June 25-26 weekend. Tickets are \$15-\$25.

Clint Baker's New Orleans Jazz Band will end the concert series with a two-gig show during the July 3-4 weekend. Tickets are \$10-\$20.

A pre-show buffet will be available

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A queen, Galilelo and Ovid

By Pat Craig

MARTIN MCDONAGH'S Broadway smash "The Beauty Queen of Leenane" highlights Berkeley Repertory Theatre's 1999-2000 season, a selection of plays that includes more than its share of surprises.

"Beauty Queen," which won several Tonys in 1997 — will make its California premiere and span the turn of the century, running Nov. 12-Jan. 7. It'll be positioned between the season-opening performance of Bertolt Brecht's "Galileo," translated by David Hare, and the West Coast premiere of "Metamorphoses," a play written and directed by Mary Zimmerman, based on the myths of

Ovid.

Other shows planned for the season are a new Joan Holden adaptation of Ben Jonson's "The Alchemist," which is expected to include many of the same performers and staff from the Berkeley Rep production of "Volpone" several years ago. A final show of the season is yet to be announced.

In addition to the mainstage shows, the company will also present a parallel season featuring works by two Bay Area playwrights — Brian Freeman's "Civil Sex" (Jan. 14-Feb. 11) and Tanya Shaffer's "Let My Enemy Live Long!" (April 14-May 12) — both shows considered worthy of further development by Berkeley Rep artistic director Tony Taccone. "Civil Sex," currently in workshops in New York, debuted at the Marsh in San Francisco two years ago, and "Enemy" had two San Francisco productions, most recently at the Eureka Theatre.

"I think it's something really exciting for us," Taccone says. "People usually don't do the second incarnation; they do the world premiere and then it's, like, dropped. These two works are not yet great, but can be, and we really feel they merit more exposure to a larger audience."

Taccone says the company was a bit late this year in announcing the season, mainly because it was in on-again, off-again negotiations for

rights to plays, particularly "Beauty Queen" (and currently for the as-yet-unnamed final show).

"With 'Beauty Queen,' the rights were very difficult to obtain — we actually had rights and then they were taken away from us because of a clause that says the producers can change their minds if they want to, if they feel a tour is possible," he says. "That had never happened to us before in 30 years of doing this — originally, we had planned to open the season with this."

"Beauty Queen," part of the Irish invasion of American theater, is a love story set in rural Ireland where

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Rep

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a woman lives with her old and demapping mother and may be confronted with her last chance for romance.

It is, however, "Galileo" (Sept. 17-Nov. 5) that sets the tone for the season, Taccone says. The show deals with the brilliant man, "who is not above improving on someone else's invention — say, the telescope — and claiming credit for the whole thing himself." Of course, he also uses the invention to determine that the Earth is not the center of the universe.

"Every year, we try to open with a big, epic play, filled with a lot of ideas, and this certainly has them," says Taccone. "It sets the tone for us to continue to examine what is at stake for us as a race. And, there's a theatrical scope to it that says 'Berkeley Rep' all over the place."

Hare's translation, Taccone says, adds a modern political sensibility to the show.

"Not only is Hare a political man,

but he is a man of the theater first and foremost, and you have to have both those attributes in order to do Brecht. Brecht was a political writer, and it takes a political person to understand that," Taccone says.

With "Metamorphoses," audiences will get more of the Zimmerman style they saw in "Journey to the West" a couple of years ago. This time, she takes the Ovid myths and presents them in a fresh style. The show, which will be staged Nov. 26-Jan. 16 in the Zellerbach Playhouse on the UC-Berkeley campus, will feature Doug Hara, who was the Monkey King in "Journey."

"The Alchemist," which plays Feb. 18-April 6, will reunite many of those involved with the production of "Volpone," says Taccone, who will direct the show.

"Jonson's work is so hard because it's so topical," he says. "Unlike Shakespeare, Jonson had far fewer topical references, Jonson was a satirist, so when you do him, there's always the issue of transposing the work to another era, and it takes a while to find the right idiom to express his ideas."



ANGELA PATON will perform the role of Madge in Martin McDonagh's *The Beauty Queen of Leenane* at Berkeley Rep.

For more information about season or tickets, call 510-845-4700.

Tale

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of children's librarians decided to hold practice sessions and tell stories to one another, to hone their skills. Joined by students enrolled in a UC-Berkeley Extension storytelling course, they met in people's homes and teacher centers before finally settling at the library.

The festival was supposed to be a one-time event. "We wanted to hear a couple of storytellers from the East Coast," recalls Kate Frankel, one of the group's founding members and the editor of Storyline newsletter. So, to pay for the storytellers' visit, they held workshops and sold tickets, and met by the waters at San Francisco's Fort Mason in 1983.

That was it, the group thought. But the next year, Sunset Magazine kept calling about another festival. Then people loved it so much, they had another one. And another.

Soon, the festival had ballooned into a two-day event. It became so big, the Mixed Bag spawned the Storytelling Association of Alta California just to plan the festival, which comes around for the 14th time this weekend at Kennedy Grove in El Sobrante.

A versatile form

Many professional storytellers and teachers say there's a storytelling "renaissance" occurring in the Bay Area. "I think storytelling is growing because, for one thing, people are looking for a human art form," says Bob Jenkins, the theater arts chair at San Jose State.

"It may have started language and the growth of the brain, who knows? It's the way people pass on values. Without it, it's a big, old empty space."

Oral tales aren't just for children.

Storytelling classes at colleges and universities attract all types, from teachers wanting to engage their students to lawyers seeking to plead a compelling case to the jury.

Indeed, Professor Sunwolf at Santa Clara University moved from defending death-penalty clients to studying storytelling's communication effects. Sunwolf sees more storytellers on the professional circuit, she says, but disputes the view of a renaissance. Americans spend less and less time growing and nurturing stories at the intimate family level for there to be such widespread popularity.

Technology has usurped roles that stories used to play: Books and recording media can maintain language and history, films can entertain, photographs and video preserve.

"With technology from jets to computers, people feel more time-starved. People don't feel they have the luxury to tell and listen," Sunwolf says. Besides, videos and cable TV baby-sit children — and adults, really, to some extent — and take up time that families could be spending simply talking to each other.

What technology can't replace is storytelling's spirit, that deep link from one person to another, and the history and values that run through that link.

"It's my mouth to your ear, my eye to your eye, my soul to your soul," Jenkins says. "It's a very, very close, small performance style and it takes us to a place that's very old, very primitive, very special, very communal. It's still an element in our society where we get to do that."

Heard it on TV

While people lament a generation that reads less, fewer realize that a generation has grown up without

having had someone look them the eye and tell them a story.

San Francisco State University lecturer Jo Tomalin once asked an undergraduate class if they knew Hans Christian Andersen tale of emperor's new clothes.

"Two-thirds of the class had heard of it," she recalls. And she had students who, in retelling a childhood story, borrow from television programs, "which isn't bad, but different."

Long-time Berkeley storyteller Ruth Halpern feels that even if children are learning the structure of tales from television, it's a start. "Of me says, a story is a story," she says. However, "I do not want random clicking behavior, as an attention span."

When she works with children, Halpern has to build their listening skills.

Fourth graders, for instance, last for more than 10 minutes. By third session, they can listen for and by the fifth they find themselves engrossed in a 40-minute session.

"Half of storytelling is deep

tening," Sunwolf says. No matter what age, people are listening to stories still have minds engaged, while people are watching TV are more passive because the images are already unfocused.

Such narratives, once removed, cannot replace the interaction between two people, and many are beginning to realize it.

"The television doesn't let who's watching it. The computer doesn't know who's using it," Jenkins says.

"But the storyteller knows the audience, so the audience is part of family. You can't have enough family, can you? You can't have enough community."

Deutsch

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of other musicians.

For the past 13 years Deutsch has worked full time at Best Instrument Repair in downtown Oakland, where he has breathed new life into old saxophones and flutes.

Deutsch is one of nine veteran repairmen at the shop, where he operates on about 100 ailing instruments a month.

Over the years he has restored the sounds of countless high school bands, from Cloverdale to Piedmont. But the rare, older instruments are much more fun.

"I like schmoozing with old musicians," he says. "I also like working on all the old classical horns. I

completely rebuild some of them." About two years ago Deutsch decided to add one more musical instrument to which he could rebuild: himself.

So Deutsch and the ensemble — Hadley Loudon (piano), Derek Jones (bass), David Frazier (percussion) and Mark Foglia (drums) — started recording songs on Mondays.

Deutsch worked four days a week for about two years to complete "Going Somewhere Fast," which he produced himself under Expression Z. Deutsch Productions.

The 10-song CD is a kind of homage to simple jazz, which takes the listener back to the basics: melodies.

"It's more of a lyrical aspect," says Deutsch, who wrote seven of the songs on the album. "It's not about seeing how many changes you can do. It's about strength of melodies; I

wanted to be as lyrical as I can.

"With today's jazz there are just so many notes. But the melodies are still what hooks people's minds."

Deutsch is hoping to hook a new generation of listeners. Of course, he hopes the music can do that on its own.

"Music is really the only international language that really exists," Deutsch says. "If politicians spent more time playing music, they might spend less time talking."

"Going Somewhere Fast" is available at Amoeba Records, Rasputins, A&G Music in Oakland and Berkeley and Union Music in San Francisco.

Call 510-533-6750 for more information.

Festival of the Arts continues

The 1999 Berkeley Festival of the Arts presents *SHORT N' WILDER*, a series of short plays by new and established Berkeley theater artists.

The program includes new plays by the Three Les Brothers and award-winning local playwright James Schevill. Also featured is the local premiere of a rarely performed play by Thornton Wilder, who was a graduate of Berkeley High, and performances by Shotgun-Players, Emerald Rain Productions, and Impact Theater.

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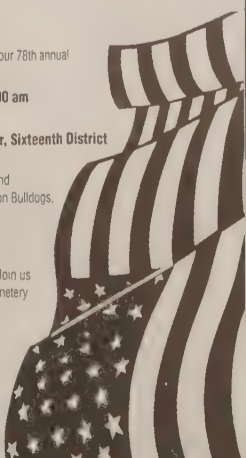
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OBITUARY

Clyde Mason, longtime owner of Nibs Restaurant, dies at 82

Clyde Mason, owner of Nibs Restaurant in Richmond for 40 years, died at May 15 at Stonebrook Convalescent Center in Concord.

He was 82.

The native of Richmond lived there for several years before moving to Antioch eight years ago.

Mr. Mason was born Aug. 18, 1916. He served in the U.S. Army in World War II.

His affiliations and hobbies included being in the Albany, El Cerrito and Antioch Exchange clubs and playing golf.

He is survived by daughters, Linda Doench of Concord, Yvonne Rose of Oakland, Charlotte Eklund of Chico and Laurel Karsch of Corning; sister, Clara Loveday of Stockton; and five grandchildren.

His wife of 40 years, Carolyn, died in 1996.

Memorial gifts should be sent to VNA Hospice of Northern California, 1600 Rivera Ave., Suite 325, Walnut Creek, CA 94598.

Community Folk

By Clara-Rae Genser

child). Then at 50 years of age she returned to school to earn her teaching credential, and taught math at Pinole Valley Hi for 14 years.

Now she divides her time among things like the AAUW, the U.C. Botanical Gardens, where she has been a docent for 12 years, and the Retired Teachers of West Contra Costa. She and Robert now travel a great deal.

A busy, active lady, and a wonderful spokesperson for the programs she works on, particularly for Tech Trek. She invites anyone interested in knowing more about the program, or about the chapter's anniversary celebration, to call her at 510-526-3126.

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Thank you, Adrian Kopa, for calling about Tech Trek and Esther Oswalt.

And I invite all of you to give me your input: Interesting people, organizations, events, etc. Please write to me at 555 Pierce St., #443, Albany, CA 94706, or call 525-4585. My email is cregenser@aol.com.

equity for women and girls. Begun in 1881 by 17 university alumnae, the organization has grown to represent over 160,000 college graduates across the United States. AAUW-CA has 170 branches and a total membership of over 30,000 individuals. Membership is open to undergraduate students and all graduates who hold a baccalaureate or higher degree.

Esther Oswalt, one of the active members of the committee for Tech Trek, has been an active member of the Richmond-El Cerrito AAUW for a number of years. And she has worked with young people in other capacities through the years, including a program in Wildcat Canyon called K-Peg, an outdoors program giving children the opportunity to meet other children from other areas. She was also active with Husicon, another program in the Richmond schools which took children into the countryside. And she was Outdoor Education Chairman for the YWCA for many years.

After years of working on various Washington committees, she quit after marrying Robert L. Oswalt, a linguist whose mission in life is to keep the Indian languages alive. They had two children, John and Edward (and now have a four-month-old grand-

week, perhaps comparing different methods to test water quality or determining which of various procedures would best stem the spread of a deadly bacteria. Tech Trekkers will share their results at a special group session with their parents before they depart on Friday.

The Richmond-El Cerrito chapter is sending two girls on \$500 scholarships, while two more girls who are able to pay their own way were also chosen to attend.

The AAUW has other programs for girls, one is another math/science program which does not include a camp. Esther Oswalt spoke of a math/science conference at Contra Costa College, attended by girls from all over the district. And there is a program which presents two scholarships to re-entry women at Contra Costa College, where they earn an AA degree, and can go on to a four year college.

The local chapter, chaired this year by Marilyn Bracelin, is excited about their programs, and about the fact that they are about to celebrate their 50th anniversary. This celebration will take place at a banquet to be held at the Mira Vista Country Club on June 6.

"The AAUW, for over 100 years, has actively promoted education and

AAUW will attend the camp at Stanford University.

Esther Oswalt was enthusiastic as she talked of it. "Science, math and technology are major fields where women are presently unrepresented, but fields where they can and do succeed. The goal of Tech Trek is to provide a fun yet educational experience that will expand the minds of the middle-school age girls who attend, allow campers to experience hands-on experiments and field trips related to math and science, live on a college campus, get acquainted with other girls who think science is fun, and meet female role models in math, science, technology and other non-traditional careers.

"The girls will stay in university housing and eat at campus dining halls, but they won't spend all their time in the classroom. They will spend much of the time outdoors — on field trips, swimming, running, playing games, and gazing through telescopes at the stars. All camp activities will be linked to the sciences. The Tech Trek faculty of credentialed middle school teachers have been recruited from all over the state.

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The menu at Garibaldi's focuses on Mediterranean-style seafood, tantalizing appetizers (baked mussels, scallop ceviche) to perfectly done entrees (grilled swordfish, spaghetti with scallops and shrimp). For those who can afford and who can accept bustling

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Nava Restaurant

5478 College Ave.
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The best place in the East Bay to eat your last meal? That would be Nava, a new gem in Berkeley's culinary crown. This place is a winner and the bill of fare, which changes monthly to take exquisite advantage of peak seasonal ingredients, is downright fabulous.

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Every appetizer here is astounding, but the crab cakes are a knockout, enhanced by a range of

exotic relishes, glazes, and sauces, on every menu so far. The menu features seven to eight entrees priced from \$11.94 to \$18 featuring fish, fowl, a vegetarian entree or two, and fabulous cuts of meat. After exchanging bites you will agree this is perhaps the best meal you have eaten in the last decade or so.

Julia Morgan Theater

2640 College Ave. Berkeley
(510) 883-7038

The Julia Morgan Center is proud to announce the American Broadway Music Festival. For six weekends beginning May 29, the theatre will resound with classic American showtunes, jazz and gospel.

Tickets range from \$10 to \$25, and all show begin at 8 p.m. except for the July 4 matinee at 4 p.m. See the display ad on this page for specific show titles.

Continuing every Saturday, the Julia Morgan Center offers Theatre

Rats Saturday Camp. Kids ages 6 1/2 to 13 can participate in singing, dancing, acting, swimming, and having fun! Prices are \$35 for one day or \$120 for four sessions.

Coming this summer are full two-week Theatre Rats sessions. For more information on these or other Julia Morgan Theater shows call (510) 84-JULIA.

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performed by Dennis Matheny's Big Band
June 12 Cole Porter
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June 19-20 "Because He Lives"
a gospel play by Perfect Peace Church
June 25-26 Richard Rodgers
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Classes

Registration is open for Vista Community College's 999 summer session. Starts now through June 25. The session takes place June 21-July 31. The enrollment fee is \$2 per unit for California residents. Students can fill out an admissions application in person, use the touch-tone, or via the Internet at <http://www.perritts.cca.edu>. Vista is located at 2020 Mission College Blvd., Suite 200, San Jose, CA 95128. Call 841-8860, ext. 231 or 267 for more information.

Stories/Collage and Ceramics classes forming at St. John's Senior Center, 2727 College Ave., Tuesday mornings 9 a.m. to noon. All are welcome. Free. Sponsored by Berkeley Adult School. Teacher are Diana Bohn and Judith Carroll. Call 845-6830 for additional information.

Temporary Women's Issues class is forming at the North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Harst St. Free class offered by the Berkeley Adult School, taught by Judith Carroll, MFCC. Friday mornings 10 a.m. to noon. Open to all women 55 or older. Call 644-6107 for additional information.

Dance and Fitness Classes open to all in Alameda, Alameda, belly, dance, salsa, swing, ballroom, tap, the-atre dance, yoga, chi gung, tai chi, Pilates, pilates-based boot conditioning and more at the YWCA, 200 Bancroft Way, Berkeley. Drop in fee: \$8-10. Information: 848-6370.

Let's Swing and Jitterbug, 7 p.m. beginning classes, 8 p.m. intermediate; four-week dance classes beginning the first Tuesday of the month/Finch Brotherhood Hall, 1970 Chisnut, Berkeley. Diana Castillo, 59-3591; \$40 for four classes.

Children

An evening of plays for kids and by kids on Friday, June 4, 6 p.m. at St. John's Presbyterian Church/2727 College Ave. Berkeley. "Coyote," "Coyote in the Forest," "Coyote & Fo," "Coyote in the Forest," "The Elephant Fooster" and "Persephone's Journey." Entertainment for young and old performed by the students of the Elmwood School. Tickets are \$3 adults, children free. Call 704-0701 for additional information.

Health

YWCA Health and Community Education; drop in classes in dance, fitness, yoga, martial arts and more; University YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way; 848-6370; \$8 - \$10.

Community

Berkeley Chamber of Commerce will hold its May 27 mixer at the Berkeley Repertory Theatre, 2025 Adelson St. Enjoy food and beverages in Berkeley Rep's Courtyard and an opportunity to win free theatre tickets. The mixer is from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. There will be a sneak preview of the new downtown district and its centerpiece, Berkeley Rep's Next Stage. For more information call 549-7003 during business hours.

The El Cerrito Veterans Memorial Committee invites the public to attend the ground breaking ceremony Friday May 28, noon in the garden adjacent to the El Cerrito City Hall, 1090 San Pablo Ave.

Hearts Leap Pre-school is sponsor-

ing its Huge Yard Sale benefit on Saturday, May 29 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Furniture, toys, kids and adult clothes, household goods and much more will be available for purchase. The school is located at 2640 College Ave. at Stuart. The yard sale was previously scheduled for May 22.

Toastmasters, do it now. Stand up and say what you mean. Come practice—Tuesday, noon to 1 p.m. at 700 Heinz Ave. Call 883-6708 for additional information.

"Wondrous Java and Ball: Art, Culture, Ritual and Religion" with Joe Fischer, professor and author of four books on Indonesian art and culture takes place on Tuesday, June 1, at 7:30 p.m. at Easy Going Travel Shop and Bookstore, 1385 Shattuck Ave. The event is free. Call 843-3533.

The Kensington Lions Club is currently accepting reservations for space at its annual sidewalk sale. The sale will take place on Sunday, June 6 at Colusa Circle in Kensington from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Each 10 feet of frontage space is available for \$10. The deadline for reservations is June 1. Contact Fly Away Travel at 527-6267.

The Claremont Resort and Spa offers Memorial Day Weekend swing lessons on May 27, 28, and 30. Call 800-551-7266 or 843-3000 for times and additional information or visit the Web site at www.claremontresort.com.

Civil Rights activists needed. Write the ACLU chapter of Berkeley, Albany, Richmond, and Kensington, P.O. Box 11141, Berkeley, CA, 94701.

The City of El Cerrito is accepting job applications for 1999 Summer Employment, day camp and pool staff positions. Ages 15 plus (must have job permit if under 18) Ages 12 + for volunteers. Applications may be picked up at the El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Mooser Lane, Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For information call 215-4370.

"Work Buddies"; volunteers needed to perform volunteer work with people in early stage Alzheimer's Disease. Minimum six-month commitment, two to three hours per week. Training provided. Contact Nanette Lipton, 644-8292.

Psychic Healing clinic; 7 to 9 p.m. Mondays; free clinic at the Academy for Psychic Studies in Berkeley, aura cleansing, stress relief; 1-800-642-9355.

SMART project; the Alcohol Research Group in Berkeley is conducting a study to compare the cost and effectiveness of two kinds of substance abuse day treatment: medical model day treatment and social model day treatment. By calling 1-888-249-8802 and agreeing to do three interviews, individuals chosen for the study receive free treatment at existing treatment programs.

The Edible Schoolyard, an organic gardening and cooking program at Berkeley's King Middle School, seeks volunteers to work with students, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call 558-1335 for information.

English-In-Action lets you make friends from around the world. Volunteer as a conversation partner with a foreign UC scholar/student for one hour a week. YWCA, at Berkeley. Call 843-9716.

Women's Daytime Drop-In Center in Berkeley; serving women who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless, needs volunteers. The Center is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Volunteers are needed for morning and afternoon shifts. For more information, call 466-5663.

Exhibits

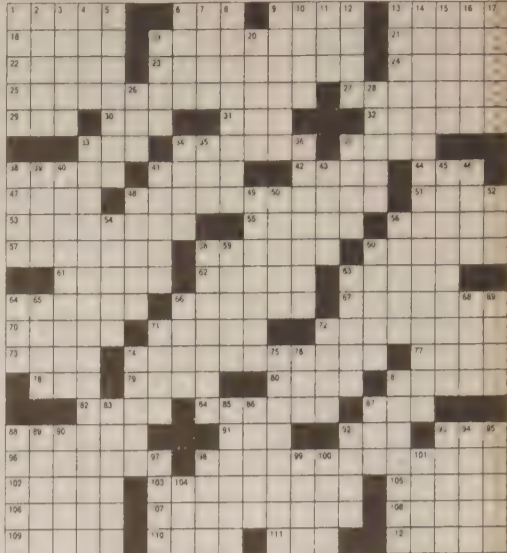
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 - Kind of car
 - Twist
 - Until, in Tijuana
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 - Sauce
 - Suggestions
 - Deep red garnet
 - Not skippy
 - One who wants the crime de min?
 - Streak, e.g.
 - Relations
 - Bewail
 - He's a doll
 - Tilts
 - Simple sack
 - Failures
 - Basted
 - Macaroni shape
 - Pro
 - Very smart
 - Professional suffix
 - Sound of thunder
 - Where a suit may be pressed
 - Large-print edition of the Bible, e.g.
 - Do-nothing
 - Pulls down
 - The T in M.T.M.
 - Brezhnev, to Khrushchev
 - Yacht centers
 - Vener
 - Slicker
 - Subject of environmentalist study
 - Pass out
 - Plantations' stations
 - "— stirreth up strife"; Proverbs
 - Heavy
 - Some clarinets
 - Street clearer
 - Greenish blue
 - Nostril wrinkle
 - Ice pack?
 - Love symbol
 - "Go on ..."
 - Fit
 - Bounce
 - Operative
 - Tricksters
 - Passes on principle
 - Do a takeoff on
 - Brownie topper
 - Department in Provence
 - "... sat down beside—"
 - Actor Vigoda
 - Where U.P.S. is headquartered
 - Visitor from the sticks
 - Furniture ensemble
 - Didn't flare
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 - Gardener's gadget
 - Hoosier neighbor
 - Plains Indian
 - Ships
 - Major finale?
 - Pepper, for one
 - More reliable
- DOWN**
- Peep
 - Tonkin Delta capital
 - Like a fly reel
 - Phaser setting
 - Suffer embarrassment
 - Parking lot sign
 - Occurred
 - Loon
 - Fallen apart
 - Slammer
 - Poet's time of day
 - Stag party?
 - Boxer's sparring partner, at times
 - School without dorms
 - Subject of sailors' knowledge
 - Big splash
 - Stimulates
 - Heavy blow
 - Prepares for a hand
 - No longer hot
 - Button in Bond's car
 - Avoiding a clash
 - Doit
 - Blyth of "Mildred Pierce"
 - Looked down on
 - Participants in 32-Across
 - Sweeping
 - Follower of the news?
 - Birds fly back and forth in it
 - Fool mistake
 - Barbarous brutes
 - Damned—
 - Counterfeit cops?
 - Hands over answer
 - "Educating Rita" star
 - A little work
 - Burrows
 - Running figure
 - Committed a hockey infraction
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Film Archive presents "Emerge: New Work by UC-Berkeley Master of Fine Arts Graduates," through Aug. 15.

Emerge is an exhibition of works by candidates for the Master of Fine Arts degree at UC-Berkeley. Artists include Nina Lynn Bellisio, Jason Byers, Sook Im Choi, Elizabeth Demaray, Stephanie Anne Johnson, and Katherine Shozawa.

ACCI Gallery and The Berkeley Florist present "Garden Art," an exhibit featuring wood and metal sculpture, ceramic planters, fountains and birdbaths. The exhibit runs through June 19. Call 843-2527 for gallery hours.

Instinct & Vision, a new exhibit, continues through June 27 at the Royal Ground Gallery, 2958 Mountain Blvd. Additional information call 339-0348.

Traywick Gallery, 1316 10th St., presents the recent paintings and drawings by Bay Area Artist Amy Kaufman continues until May 30. Kaufman's large-scale works, in charcoal and pastel on paper and oil, center around a single,

focused compositional theme. In her current body of work she employs stripes and dot shapes as structural devices. Hours are Tuesday through Sunday noon to 6 p.m. or by appointment. Call Katrina Traywick or Robin Galas at 527-1214 for more information.

The Women's Cancer Research Center, 3023 Shattuck Ave., presents the "Cancer and the Environment International Mail Art Show" continues through the end of May. Many of the artists will be present. Admission is free and refreshments will be served.

New Pieces Gallery presents a list of artists for the year 1999. Located on Solano Avenue, New Pieces is the only gallery which shows quilts and soft cloth sculptures and dolls exclusively. The gallery is open during store business hours: Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday Noon to 5 p.m. ex-

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The classes at BCS are of shorter duration, allowing RJ and Dede to use a more gentle approach rather than cramming in overloads of information. The age range is wide. The youngest adult is 26, and the oldest is 88! They plan to start some children's programs in the fall. The classroom seats 6 and individual instruction is meant to supplement classes, however, some students prefer both, or just individual. "We are committed to finding the best way for each student to learn," says RJ.

BCS also offers beginner programs specifically designed for seniors. Seniors are given a discounted rate for all classes. "We understand the needs of seniors, so we try

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to accommodate those needs," says RJ. "Our rates are reasonable and we want to give seniors an equal chance."

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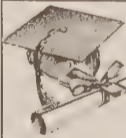
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cept major holidays. Details: 527-6779.

Literary Events

"Strong Women: Writers and Heroes of American Literature," 1:15 to 3:15 p.m., every Thursday, free course in the Berkeley Adult School Older Adults Program; Helen Rippier Wheeler, instructor; North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst, corner of Martin Luther King, Jr. Way; 549-2970 after 9 a.m.

Meetings

The West Contra Costa Division 58 of the California Retired Teachers Association meet on Tuesday, June 1 at

12:15 p.m. Cost is \$10.75 or \$12.25. Admission with coffee is \$1. Lecture begins promptly at 12:30 p.m. For additional information call 848-3533 or 845-4725.

The Berkeley Communicators Toastmasters Club meet on the first and third Wednesday of the month from 7:15 to 8:30 a.m. at the Berkeley City Club, 2315 Durant. Details: 524-3765.

The Berkeley Arthritis Support and Education Group meets on the second Tuesday of each month (except December) 1 to 2:30 p.m. in the Maffly Auditorium, Herrick Campus, 2001 Dwight Way. Dr. Brian Kaye, a rheumatologist, has treated many patients with various types of arthritis and will be available for questions. For additional information call 204-4503.

Toastmasters on Campus meet the

Thursday of the month from 12:10 to 1:10 p.m. at the State Health building, 2151 Berkeley Way. Details: 649-7750.

Higher Alignment; 7 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. Mondays; fun, informative seminars creating spiritual partnerships; Feldenkrais Center, 830 Bancroft Way, Berkeley; (415) 461-5337; \$20.

Alta Bates Support Groups - Arthritis Support Group meets the second Tuesday of every month; 1 - 2:30 p.m.; 204-4503. Call for additional special events.

Overeaters Anonymous, a 12 step program providing free aid for those with eating problems, meets in Berkeley every Saturday at 8:30 a.m. (newcomers at 9 a.m.) at St. John's Church, 2727 College Ave. and in Richmond every Thursday at 7 p.m. at Kaiser Hospital, 901 Nevin (Lake Elevator C to the third floor). For further information, call 273-9292.

TOPS; 9:30 a.m., Mondays; Take Pounds Off Sensibly, Albany Chapter meets at 980 Stannage St. at Marin; 233-2948 or Karen, 525-6858.

Avatar Metaphysical Toastmasters; meetings on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month from 6:15 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Call 643-7645.

Toastmasters; noon - 1 p.m. Tuesdays; stand up and say what you mean; practice with the toastmasters; 700 Heinz Ave., Berkeley; 883-6708.

Alta Bates Rehabilitation Center and East Bay Neurology sponsors a free monthly stroke support group. No advance reservations are required, drop-in anytime. The group meets the first Tuesday of each month from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the Maffly Auditorium on Henick Campus, 2001 Dwight way. Berkeley. Details: 204-4503.

Voices of Healing Story Circles, a spiritually oriented healing group for people living with life-threatening illnesses, meets second Wednesday of each month in North Berkeley. Call 528-1235 for information.

Strong Women-Writers and Heroes of American Literature meet on Thursdays from 1:15 p.m. to 3:15 p.m. at the North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst. This is a free course in the Berkeley Adult School Older Adults Program. For additional information call 549-2970.

Music

Julia Morgan Theater, 2640 College Ave., begins its American Broadway Music Festival on Saturday, May 29, 8

p.m., with The Mood Swing Orchestra featuring the music of Duke Ellington. Tickets are \$10-\$15 pre-sale and \$5/\$10 at the door. The festival continues on Saturday, June 5, at 8 p.m. with the Dmitri Mathemy's 17 piece, Big Band playing the music of George Gershwin. Tickets are \$25, \$20, \$15, presale \$5/10 door. Buffet is available for \$7 at both performances. The festival continues with East Bay's finest jazz performers on June 12, A Gospel Play by Perfect Peace Church on June 19 and 20, the Rose Valley Theater Group on June 25-26 and Clint Baker's New Orleans Jazz Band on July 3 and 4. Call 84 JULIA for more information.

Simon Berry plays "Music for Healing," on Friday, June 4—meditative organ and piano music to soothe the soul. The event is sponsored by St. David of Wales Church, 5641 Esmond Ave. Benediction follows at noon. Call 237-1531 for directions.

Prometheus Symphony Orchestra, Eric Hansen conductor, performs its summer concert at the Saint Ambrose Church, 1145 Gilman St., on Sunday, June 6 at 3 p.m. Admission is free, donations accepted. For information call 527-1519.

The San Francisco Choral Artists will perform at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 1 Lawson Place, Kensington on Sunday, June 6, 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15 regular, \$12 seniors, students, disabled. For more information call 415-979-5779 or www.scca.org.

Berkeley Chamber of Commerce Breakfast meeting will take place on Tuesday, June 8, from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. Program begins at 7:30 a.m. with speakers, Tom Bowlin and Dave Faulk. The topic is the "The New Art of Hiring Smart." Members are \$20 and non-members \$30. Call 549-7003 for additional information.

Jelani Eddington, organist, will perform at the Berkeley Community Theatre, Alston and Milvia Avenues, on Sunday, May 30, at 2:30 p.m. Eddington has performed at six national ATOS conventions, in England, Germany, the Netherlands, Australia and New Zealand. The 25-year-old organist, who has several CDs, will graduate from Yale Law School this year. Tickets are \$10 at the door. Prepaid \$9, seniors/students. Children 12 and under free. Call 644-2707 for additional information.

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St. Luke's Methodists Church, 32nd and Barrett Ave., Richmond. A program will follow the luncheon at noon. Lunch is \$9. Sixteen scholarships of \$1,000 will be presented to selected graduates from West Contra Costa Unified School District from the West Contra Costa Educators Scholarship Fund. These students are recognized for exemplary leadership service to school and community. For reservations call 234-3046.

Leonid Kiel, UC-Berkeley School of Political Science graduate, will discuss "A Moscovite's View of Primakov, Kosovo et al., and Policy Implications," at the City Commons Club meeting and luncheon May 28. Social hour begins at 11:15 a.m. in the Venetian Room. Lunch is served from 11:45 a.m. to

second and fourth Wednesday of the month from 6:15 to 7:30 p.m. at the English Language Program Building, 2515 Hillegass. Details: 704-1822.

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of storm-damaged trails in Regional Park. No prior experience necessary. The East Bay Regional District, the East Bay Area Trails and Recreational Equipment

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East Bay Regional Parks Botanical Garden Tiden Park, presents regular tours, seven days a week. Week days 8:30 a.m. to

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Support

Stroke Support Group for Stroke survivors, their families and friends. No advance reservations required. Meets the first Tuesday

of each month, 4 p.m. to 5 p.m., Matly Auditorium, Hemlock Campus, 2001 Dwight Way

Lecture/Workshop

Discuss women's issues with Carol on May 28 at 10 a.m. at the North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst St. Call 644-6107 for additional information concerning this women's support group.

Dr. Pasternak, current director of the Oxford International Biomedical Center will speak at Barnes and Noble Bookstore, 2352 Shattuck Ave., on Wednesday, June 2 at 7:30 p.m. His book is "The Molecules Within Us: Our Body in Health and Disease." The event is free.

"Interview with Confidence" will be the topic of a workshop at the Turning Point Career Center, 2600 Bancroft Way,

on Tuesday, June 8 from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. Get tips and practice how to prepare for interviews. The workshop is free for members and \$5 for non-members. For additional information call 848-6370.

Nyngma Institute, 1815 Highland Place, presents Art/Meditation a free slide

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Wild Bird Alert

Western Mockingbirds are in abundance in the Bay Area through July. Quick identification: Robin-sized, approximately 10 inches; white under their wings; light gray head and light colored other parts; long thin bill; sexes similar. They feed on insects, fruit and which can be purchased at the Bird Annex in Berkeley.

Tips For the Sewer Line

Sewer Line problems have caused people since the demise of the house. Transporting wastewater from the home or business to the sewer main, then on to the water plant is quite a feat of

engineering. This system of pipes, pumps and plants, although truly amazing, is seldom thought of by the average person. We flush, shower, wash etc. without a care or clue about where the wastewater goes once it spirals down the drain.

This scenario changes drastically and abruptly as soon as the sewer line clogs or when sewage overflows inside the home. What we once took for granted now requires immediate attention.

The first thing to do when experiencing a sewer or drain back-up is to isolate the problem. If the overflowing drain or toilet is in the lowest point of the house, then the problem is down stream, possibly in the sewer line under ground, outside of the structure leading to the main line. Confirmation can be made that the problem is in the sewer line if a clean-out (opening) is



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If the CCTV inspection shows serious root infestation in areas where pipes are joined together, then regular sewer "Rooting" using spinning cable can be employed. The problems associated with this method is that regular "Rooting" is just like pruning the branches of a tree, roots are stimulated by being cut and grow back thicker, fuller and faster each time. Also, the spinning cable and blade bounce against the interior of the pipe and can further damage cracks or separations.

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The Julia Morgan Center is located at 2640 College Ave. in Berkeley.

To purchase tickets, call 510-883-7018.

Show and Tell

The University of California, Berkeley Art Museum presents "Show and Tell: A Selected History of Photography and Video," a survey of the history of photography from daguerreotypes to contemporary photo installations and of early video art.

This informative exhibition is drawn from the collections of the Berkeley Art Museum and Pacific Film Archive, and that of Bay Area collector Richard Lorenz, and has been curated by Phyllis Wattis MARIKX Curator Heidi Zuckerman Jacobson.

The exhibition will be on view in the Museum's Swig Gallery (Gallery 5) through the end of July, 1999.

"Show and Tell: A Selected History of Photography and Video," presents a special opportunity for museum visitors to see seminal works of photography and video.

Also on view in the Theater Gallery at the UC-Berkeley Art Museum is an exhibition of photographs by Dutch filmmaker and photographer Johan van der Keuken.

"One Eye at the Camera, the Other on the World: Photographs by Johan van der Keuken" will remain on view until June 27.

For further information on this or any other museum programs, call 510-642-0808.

Japanese sculptor

Cecile Moochnek presents new works by the renowned Japanese sculptor Masuo Nakajima. Nakajima makes his home in Nagano, Japan, and is part of a 900-year artistic lineage.

After a very successful exhibition with the Cecile Moochnek Gallery in 1997, Nakajima returns with 21 new sculptures of a deep sea green metamorphic stone exploring aspects of the sphere.

Each sculpture has a powerful, yet quiet presence. Reception for the artist is on May 28, from 6-8 p.m. Located at 1809-D Fourth St. (upstairs).

Gallery Hours are Wednesday - Sunday, 11 am-5 p.m. Call 549-1018 for information.

The Sequoia Shadows

The Dimond Branch of the Oakland Public Library presents "The Sequoia Shadows," a group of elementary school shadow puppeteers.

They will perform two plays at the Dimond Branch Library, 3565 Fruitvale Ave., on June 1, at 7 p.m.

The "Talking Cat" is adapted from a French-Canadian folktale and "The Cat's Purr" is adapted from a French Caribbean folktale.

For information about this free event, call 482-7844.

Summer sounds of the city

"Summer Evening Sounds," an annual concert series offered by City Center in Oakland, begins at 5 p.m. on Thursday, June 3.

The free event — featuring a variety of musicians from swing to pop — will run from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. each Thursday through September.

The series is held in the plaza at City Center, which is located near the 12th Street BART station in downtown Oakland.

Jazz artist Kitty Margolis is the scheduled performer June 3. She will be followed by Zulu Spear (June 10), Zeena Quinn and Sweet N' Sour Swing (June 17) and Lloyd Gregory and Friends (June 24).

Call the City Center events hotline at 510-628-8490 for more information.

Storyteller

Oakland Public Library presents

storyteller Jamie Myrick, in "A Meeting with Harriet Tubman."

This free interactive musical performance transforms members of the audience into 19th century slaves, learning for the first time about such matters as the Underground Railroad, the abolitionist movement, famous slaves who escaped, hymns used as secret messages, navigating by starlight and using quilts as maps.

You don't have to wait for African-American History month to meet Harriet Tubman.

For further information, call one of these branches of the Oakland Public Library.

■ Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch: June 3, 2 p.m., 6833 International Blvd., 615-5728

■ Temescal Branch: June 14, 1 p.m., 5205 Telegraph Ave., 597-5049

■ Golden Gate Branch: July 15, 11 am., 5433 San Pablo Ave., 597-5023

■ Lakeview Branch: August 5, 1 p.m., 550 El Embarcadero, 238-7344

Jazz Pianist

Asian-American jazz pianist Jon Jang and his group Five Generations perform at Oakland Asian Cultural Center at 8 p.m.

Also performing will be Asian Crisis, a pan-Asian rhythm-based group. Jang's group features Jie Bing Chen. She is a virtuoso on the erhu, a string instrument of China with a sweet, haunting sound.

This addition to Jang's music merges with his jazz background to reflect Jang's Asian-American identity. Also playing are acclaimed bassist Jeff Chambers and drummer Eddie Marshall, who are part of Oakland's strong music scene. The flutist is Lenon Honor, one of the hottest young players around.

Jang and Honor will also join Asian Crisis as featured guests during Asian Crisis' set.

The location of OACC is 388-9th St., 290, above the Pacific Renaissance Plaza parking garage.

Tickets are \$10 for advance and \$12 at the door. Group and family rates are \$9 per person.

For tickets and information, call 208-6086.

Concert

The Golden Gate Branch of the National Association of Negro Musicians,



JON JANG

Inc., holds their Members Concert June 4-6, and the 11th Annual Youth Concert Day event on June 13 at 3:30 p.m. Events will be held at The Church by the Side of the Road, 210 Russell St.

Music concert

The Pacific horn trio, Richard Burdick, Janis Lieberman and Tom Reicher perform Baroque, Classical and traditional hunting horn music in a program of Trinity United Methodist Church. French horn player and composer Richard Burdick will be featured performing several of his own compositions, including the premiere of his "Concerto for Two Horns." The event starts at 8 p.m. The concert will take place in Trinity Chapel, 2320 Dana St. in Berkeley.

Admission is by donation; no one will be turned away for lack of the suggested donation.

Price are \$10.00 general, \$8.00 for students, seniors, or handicapped. Call 549-3864 for information

Mann

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Most news directors now come from the business side."

And Zehnder, a lifelong bachelor who grew up on a dairy farm near Lakeport, decidedly comes from a news background. He started as a copy boy for the Lake County Bee and later earned his journalism degree at Humboldt State. He then became the first news director at Eureka's KVIQ-TV.

In the Army, Zehnder became broadcast director for his base's public-information office. His superior officer was current ABC White House reporter Sam Donaldson.

But the ink remained in Zehnder's blood even as he moved up in television news. The unassuming, mild-mannered Zehnder even has an old newspaper (hot-type) linotype machine in his basement. He co-owns a small printing company in Oakland. Eight years ago, Zehnder started the weekly San Leandro Times. "Ever since I was a little kid," he says, "I've always wanted to have a newspaper. The Times is like my second child. I guess my dream is still to start a weekly up in Grass Valley after I leave KTVU." Zehnder says with a chuckle about the small Gold Country town he's visited since childhood.

Zehnder watched sadly a few years ago as the Alameda Newspaper Group removed the presses from its satellite paper, the Alameda Times-Star, as part of

consolidating its printing operations in Pleasanton. "It was depressing," the unreconstructed newspaperman said with a sigh during lunch the other day at Jack London Square, recalling the scene.

In an age of type-A, sometimes abrasive TV news managers, Zehnder is an anomaly. He'll sit in Channel 2's daily 4 p.m. news meeting and often hardly say a word. "He's not the kind of news director who tells you what to do," says anchor Richmond. "He just suggests. He sits there and listens." Call it hands-OFF management.

Zehnder says, "I've got a strong group of people here. If I go on vacation, the newsroom runs perfectly. I hesitate to try to do too much at those news meetings," explains Zehnder. "Most of the staff knows far more than I do about what's gone on in the news that day because I've been in meetings." Zehnder, not surprisingly, reads all the local papers before coming into work each day, "to look for story ideas."

But even though Zehnder's successor, Andrew Finlayson, is a popular choice, a stroll through KTVU's busy Oakland waterfront newsroom quickly shows how much the iconic Zehnder's quiet presence will be missed.

"Fred has the greatest integrity I know of anyone in this business," Fowler says flatly, adding, "He taught me how to look beyond the event to the people involved" that there are no issue stories, but stories about people coping with is-

sues."

Zehnder confirms he was almost lured away by KRON five years ago when the NBC affiliate made an offer with a sizeable salary boost. At the time, KRON anchor Pete Wilson said, "I'm hugely disappointed. I wanted nothing more than to work for that man." So did a lot of others at Channel 4.

Zehnder admits that in TV news, pictures are often as important — or more so — than the news content of a story. "But it's the great footage you DON'T show that's so important," says the high-road news exec. "Crime news is very easy to do and gets ratings. And frankly, a few years ago, we were doing too much of it."

Zehnder says modestly of his first-rate staff, "We don't feel like we're hucksters. We feel like what we do is serious business."

The news exec says charitably that Bay Area TV news "is pretty good overall, better than in most markets." Los Angeles, he adds, "has eight stations and it's out of hand. Since the O.J. chase, they'll all put high-speed chases on live, even if there's no news value."

Zehnder, not surprisingly, isn't happy that most people these days get most of their news from television. "They should read newspapers more for their news. What we offer are the high points, a limited service that keeps you apprised of what's going on."

Zehnder is so serious about journalism, in fact, that he even enrolled in a basic journalism course

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FRED ZE

at Laney College a while back enjoy learning. I tried to remain anonymous," he smiles, "but discovered."

To those who don't know the fact that the most powerful most influential television executive in Northern California would enroll in Journalism 101 might seem unbelievable. But Zehnder, a quiet and principled man in a loud and often cynical business, is a different breed, a print guy in a TV world.

But occupation aside, Fred Zehnder above all is a decent honorable man, the kind of anyone would value as a friend. You can't capture that in a minute TV news package — the kind of well-done KTVU piece that will show Fred's co-workers crying tonight as he heads out to his Alameda home. Fred will, typically, be embraced by all the attention.

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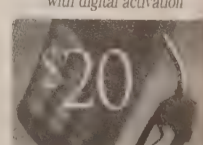
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DTSC Issues Temporary Emergency Hazardous Waste Treatment Permit to University of California, Berkeley for Treatment of Reactive Wastes at the Evan Baseball Field Area on the University of California, Berkeley Campus

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) has issued an Emergency Permit for on-site treatment of laboratory reactive wastes to

University of California, Berkeley
Berkeley, California 94720

The DTSC issued the Emergency Permit pursuant to Section 66270.51, Title 22, California Code of Regulations.

This one-day permit allowed the University of California, Berkeley (UCB) and their authorized agent, to treat approximately 870 grams (about two pounds) of old reactive laboratory wastes generated from the chemistry laboratories at the Laitimer Hall Building on the University of California, Berkeley (UCB) campus. The UCB contracted with Advanced Environmental Technical Services (AETS) to perform the treatment. These reactive wastes were discovered during inventory and reworking of lab materials at the Laitimer Hall Building.

The treatment method authorized by the Emergency Permit is stabilization/densitization by the addition of water/alcohol, or toluene to the appropriate waste stream under closely monitored conditions. Once stabilized, these wastes would no longer be reactive and could be safely shipped offsite for disposal.

Under the Emergency Permit, the reactive wastes were moved from Laitimer Hall to a remote site at the Evans Baseball Field area on the UCB campus using a bomb basket with a ballistic blanket. Transportation was coordinated through AETS, the UCB Campus Police, and the Berkeley Fire Department. Due to their instability, these reactive wastes were classified as a Prohibited Explosive under Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 173.54(d). Therefore, treatment of these wastes had to be performed onsite as UCB and AETS were prohibited from transporting the reactive wastes on public roads.

The Emergency Permit was necessary because: (1) Removal of the reactive wastes from the chemistry laboratories at Laitimer Hall reduces the danger to students, faculty and campus staff; (2) AETS was unable to transport the reactive laboratory wastes on public roads because they were classified as a Prohibited Explosive under federal law; and (3) The reactive laboratory reactive wastes were unacceptable at disposal facilities without first being stabilized.

Due to small amounts of reactive wastes to be treated at any one time and considering that these activities would be done in a remote location on a Sunday, no exposure to the public was expected in case of an accident and no releases from an upset condition were expected beyond the limits of the ballistic isolation buffer zone.

The Emergency Permit was issued on May 6, 1999 and was valid only for May 9, 1999. The treatment authorized under the Emergency Permit was successfully concluded without mishap. Copies of the Emergency Permit and related documents are available for public review at the DTSC Berkeley Office, 700 Henz Avenue, Suite 200, Berkeley, California 94710.

If you have any questions regarding this, please contact DTSC's project manager, Alfred Wong, at (510) 540-3946 or DTSC's Public Participation Specialist, Bill Albert, at (916) 445-9543.

Station wagons make encore as family car

"Aw, Dad, that's so uncool!" The father of teenagers had just announced he was considering a new minivan to transport the brood. Weren't minivans the antidote to station wagon blahs? Clearly, what's cool is a generational matter. Whatever Mom drives is out of favor when it's the kids' turn.

Minivans still flourish (try to buy a Honda Odyssey or Toyota Sienna, the current hot tickets). Station wagons really never go away. They ramble steadily along in popularity with dips and rises, but no dramatic peaks or sags in their heart line. Right now seems to be an especially good time for station wagons, and if wagons have crossed into the "cool" zone for your kids, so much the better.

Gone from the market are the really big wagons such as the Buick Roadmaster. Buyers who favored behemoths seemed to have migrated into SUVs, so these wagons are no more. Today's station wagon loyalists rate a wagon's car-like performance and profile over what they might gain in space in a large SUV.

With a wagon they have gas mileage that varies only slightly, if at all, from the sibling sedan and — of prime importance to many — no great increase in step-up or loading height. "We can wash the roof without a ladder," remarked one station wagon devotee. "And

Drive, she said

By Denise McLuggage



Denise McLuggage

Buyers who once favored behemoths now turn to SUVs.

get in and out of it wearing tight skirts," added his wife. Here are some of the station wagons available now or soon.

Audi A4 and A6

For wagon say "Avant" in Audiland. Audi is on a roll these days with well-appointed interiors and attention to detail. The Avants have a taut, athletic look so you can be practical without appearing to be. For skiers, a fine go-to-the-hills package is an Audi Avant Quattro, the all-wheel drive version.

Saab 9-5 wagon

Saab proves that a vehicle doesn't have to have square corners to hold big square cartons. The new 9-5 wagon swallowed a box that had once held a

large refrigerator. The Saab's rear hatch closed neatly around the carton, whereas the square-edged Volvo wagon, which they had parked nearby for just such an odious comparison, couldn't do it. The Saab is bigger than it looks.

Saab has a dazzling wealth of accessories for its wagon — dividers to keep dogs separated in the rear, or to keep them tethered for safety while still allowing them movement. Those who tote dogs will certainly put Saab on their look-at list. The 9-5 wagon comes with a four-cylinder engine or a V6, both turbo-charged. Don't kneecap for the V6. The four seems to me to be a better-balanced package. But then nobody does fours like Saab.

Saturn SW and LW

They're a straightforward bunch at Saturn. Those initials stand for "Small Wagon" and "Large Wagon." The SW has been around a while and is consistently ranked in the top handful for customer satisfaction. The LW is new and comes with an impressive German-American heritage. A kissing cousin to the Opel Vectra, Saturn's new LW boasts "Autobahn brakes" and a number of other attributes of European sedans.

The Saturn LW and the LS (for Large Sedan) are not, however, simply re-badged imports. To demonstrate that

fact at an Arizona press preview recently, a Saturn engineer spilled out on the carpet an array best described as wires and gizmos from a laundry-basket sized receptacle. That, he said, was the sum total of parts shared with General Motors' German-built Opel.

The LW and LS should bring a lot of people into Saturn showrooms who might have thought themselves more likely to land on Mars. They will be in the right place if they are interested in smart, roomy, comfortable midsize vehicles.

Subaru Impreza and Legacy

Subaru is known for its all-all-wheel-drive lineup. And it produces more station wagons than any other imported nameplate. You can't not look.

Other

From the Mercedes-Benz E320 to the Suzuki Esteem and Hyundai Elantra, there are wagons out there to fit any taste and most pocketbooks. At Ford you'll find the Escort and the Taurus. BMW has a wagon in the 5 Series. Volvo's station wagons (V70) are a longtime favorite with Moms harking to the company's safety message. And Volkswagen's fine Passat comes as a wagon. All that ought to hold the teens in more ways than one.

AUTO BRIEFS

By Arnold Wechter

TORRANCE

Acura unveils NSX Web site

A new NSX-specific Web site has been launched by Acura to serve as a comprehensive information resource on the company's exotic sports car model.

www.NSXBbyAcura.com is the first the company has dedicated to a single model, and will provide background information on the NSX, including its development, its features and other topics of interest for owners and fans of the model.

The site utilizes a unique 3-D Shockwave navigator to take the viewer through the many innovations of the NSX. The navigation tool for the site resembles the structure of a molecule that the viewer "grabs" with the mouse of their computer and can turn toward the different areas of interest for the NSX.

The site also acts as a resource for NSX owners and fans by hosting links to the NSX Club of America web site. Visitors may sign up to join the site's optional e-mail list to receive further information from Acura through the internet, locate an Acura dealer or request an NSX brochure.

DETROIT

Automakers in pact for communications standards

A common technical standard has been adopted by the world's automakers to foster the rapid introduction of hardware and software for mobile entertainment, computing and communications.

At a Detroit conference, the Automotive Multimedia Interface Collaboration, or AMIC, signed off on the new plug-and-play standard. General Motors, Ford Motor Co., Toyota Motor Corp., Daimler-Chrysler AG and Renault SA signed the pact. Eight others are expected to sign within days and most others within two months.

The pact, for the first time, allows suppliers of consumer electronics, cellular telephones, software and Internet services can develop products tailored to a standard vehicle network.

Cell phones, pagers, multimedia computers and hand-held computers are a few of the products people will be able to plug into their vehicles.

How big is the market? Nobody knows, but estimates range from \$65 billion to several times as much.

CARSON

M-Benz cuts ribbon on wholesale prep center

Mercedes-Benz USA, Inc. has opened a state-of-the-art vehicle preparation center, which will prepare vehicles for wholesale delivery to 103 Mercedes-Benz retailers in 18 western states, servicing approximately 3,000 to 4,000 vehicles per month.

The center, a 110,000-square-foot facility, represents an investment of \$10 million.

The center will be the final quality check by Mercedes-Benz to ensure all vehicles meets the company's for quality prior to shipment to retailers.

LOS ANGELES

Hobbyists and collectors join Concours board

Organizers of the Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance have formed a Concours advisory board. The new board will work closely with the newly formed executive committee. The announcement was made during the Meguiar's Award gala at the Petersen Automotive Museum.

The advisory board includes several of the automobile hobby's foremost hobbyists, journalists and collectors.

They are: Richard Adatto, Delahaye & Talbot-Lago expert; Gordon Apker, American

Car Collector; Chris Bock, American classic expert; Craig Davis, prewar European sports & racing collector; Winston Goodfellow, freelance auto writer author; David Gooding, managing director, Christie's Car Department; Ken Gross, director of Petersen Automotive Museum; Alan McEwan, foreign classic collector; Bruce Meyer, classic car collector.

Started in 1950, the Pebble Beach Concours is considered the world's premier gathering of the finest motor cars. It is held annually at the Lodge at Pebble Beach, an event that attracts enthusiasts from around the world to the Monterey Peninsula.

MUNICH, Germany

BMW, Delphi at work on new fuel cell technology

BMW is joining forces with Delphi Automotive Systems, the largest automotive supplier in the world, to develop an entirely new type of fuel cell able to generate electricity out of gasoline.

Since the innovative energy converter uses conventional engine, it does not require any other source of energy such as methanol and therefore does not call for any elaborate change in on-board technologies and in the network of filling stations.

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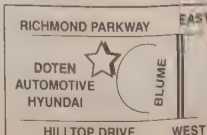
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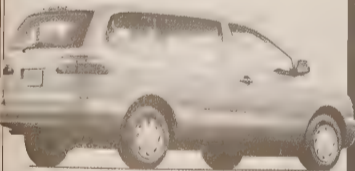
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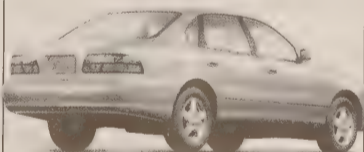
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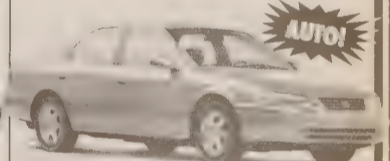
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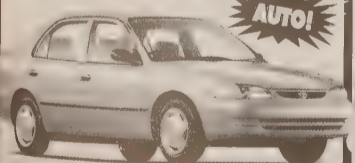
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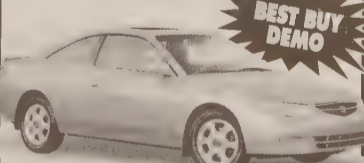
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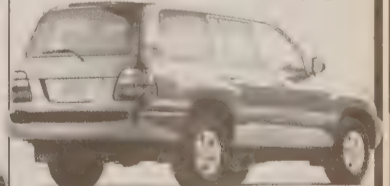
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A nearly 53-percent jump in truck sales, and an almost 99-percent increase in sales of the Acura TL for April, represents the fourth consecutive month of sales increases for American Honda. "The increase in gas prices hasn't dampened the demand for trucks and minivans and

SUV's," said Dick Collier, executive vice president. "Confidence in the economy remains strong and continues to drive consumer demand for big-ticket items."

VOLVO TOPS
SATISFACTION LISTS

Volvo took first place among auto manufacturers, and the S80 got the highest score in the Vehicle Satisfaction study conducted by AutoPacific, Inc. The data was collected from over 40,000 new vehicle buyers with quality, style, performance, comfort, value and dealership experience as factors.

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SUBURBAN A GREEN
MACHINE

With great fuel economy and improvements in emissions reduction and recyclability, Chevrolet's all-new 2000 Suburban is "green from the ground up."

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CELL GAINS

BMW has joined forces with DELPHI Automotive Systems to develop an entirely new type of fuel cell able to generate electricity out of gasoline. The solid oxide fuel cell will supply power to all conventional electrical power-consuming items in the car, taking the place of the lead battery.

HOW DO YOU
DRIVE?

Maintenance schedules are dic-

tated by how you drive: severely or normally. The National Automobile Dealers Association says severe conditions include short trips where the engine never fully warms up, slow trips where the vehicle seldom gets over 30 mph, long periods of idleness, dust, pollution, high humidity and extreme temperatures. Cars and trucks operate best at moderate temperatures with long drives between starts, on paved roads and at constant highway speeds.

IN YOUR CORNER

Dear Doctor: In 1996, I bought a new Chevrolet Lumina. The warranty is up in July. When I turn the steering wheel to the extreme left or right I can hear a clunking sound. I took the car to the dealer and they could not find the clunk sound. What do you think? Rob

Dear Rob: A clunking sound coming from the front end on extreme wheel turning is usually from a worn rubber bushing. Have an independent shop check all bushings, including power steering rack unit mounts, lower control arm, and engine cradle and mounts. When the shop checks the car it should be done on a drive-on type lift, so the suspension is loaded with the weight of the car.

Vibrating noise when turning could
be call for alignment check

Dear Doctor: I am a single girl and own a 1994 Chevrolet Cavalier with an annoying problem. While driving one rainy night, I heard a terrible noise that came from the passenger side. I turned around and went back to see if I ran over something in the road. I did not see anything in the road. Every time I took a left turn there was a vibrating noise from the right front. The shop checked the car and said I needed an alignment. I had them do the alignment, but still had the same symptom. Then they said I needed tires. I had new tires installed, but the vibrating sound is still there. Can you help? Patricia

Dear Patricia: A vibrating sound while turning a corner could be a mechanical problem or badly scalloped tires. The front alignment and tires did make some improvement and according to your letter these needed to be done. The noise when it rains could be the water spray hitting the lower floor board from the tire. The vibrating noise could be a front wheel bearing or worn CV axle joint. Take the car to an A.S.E.-certified technician and have him road test it. The Cavalier has a good track record and should give you many years of service.

Get a second opinion for mystery
problem

Dear Doctor: I own a 1996 Pontiac Sunfire purchased new with only 10,600 miles. Twice last week it did not start and was brought back to the dealer. They could not find any problems and said it is not driven enough. Do you have any suggestions? Pat

Dear Pat: You did not mention what happened when the car did not start. Was the battery low? Did the starter motor engage? If the battery was low, you need to check it on a load test machine. Is the alternator charging? Is there a drain on the battery overnight? If the engine turned over and would not start, a check of both spark and fuel pressure needs to be done. Did the dealer check for trouble codes stored in the computer? You may want to try a local repair shop for a second opinion.

Starter motor should last a good
while if contaminants are kept out

Dear Doctor: I own a 1996 Ford Aereostar van that has been trouble free. I have to start the engine about 10 times a day, five days a week. When should I consider having the starter motor replaced? Troy

Dear Troy: As long as the starter motor is working properly there is no need for service. Starter motor life varies with manufacturers, and depends on the amount of contamination from leaking oil, water, salt, and grime that collects around and inside it.

Excess current draw could kill your
battery

Dear Doctor: I own a 1992 Subaru Legacy. Recently I have had to replace three batteries. The dealer said I needed a \$700 alternator. I had them replace the alternator, but two weeks later the battery was dead again. I went back to the dealer and they said the problem was the battery. The engine light also comes on. The club store where I purchased the battery said the battery was good. What can I do? Phil

Dear Phil: You need to have the battery

Ask the Auto Doctor

By Junior Damato



Junior Damato

Cheap batteries sold at some discount stores could have excess current draw that will kill the battery in a few hours or a couple of days...

load and total alternator output tested. You could have excess current draw that will kill the battery in a few hours or a couple of days. Cheap batteries sold at some discount stores do not have enough cold cranking amps. I see cheap low power batteries at my shop every day. Today's vehicles need the proper reserve power batteries.

Check transmission fluid pressure

Dear Doctor: I own a 1994 Nissan 240X convertible with 60,000 miles. Most mornings, about two miles from my house, the automatic transmission seems like it slips into neutral. If I come to a stop and start moving again, it works fine for the rest of the day. It will act like this again after sitting for 12 hours. This problem has been going on for three years. I left it for a week at a transmission shop and the transmission did not act up. The shop thinks the problem is a seal inside the transmission and they should not do anything until it gets worse. What can you advise? Carole

Dear Carole: Your problem sounds like transmission fluid pressure. There are two technical service bulletins on intermittent slipping. If you have not recently changed the transmission fluid and filter, start there. After this is done, have the fluid flushed out with a transmission flush machine, T-Tech machine or equivalent. This will ensure a removal of ninety-nine percent of the transmission fluid. If this does not solve your problem, I would wait until the problem gets worse before spending the money on an overhaul.

Engine shakes at Idle

Dear Doctor: I own a 1992 Buick LeSabre 3800 V6 with 18,000 miles. The problem is, at times when I come to a stop the engine shakes. If I put the transmission in neutral the shake lessens. The shop checked out the car and replaced the ignition coil pack at \$200, but I still have the problem. Can you help? Al

Dear Al: For the engine to shake at idle, means it is not idling evenly on all cylinders. Did the shop check for any stored trouble codes? A common problem, even with low mileage, is carbon buildup, especially around the EGR valve. If the EGR valve does not seat fully it will cause a shake at idle at times and even the engine to stall. The shop may have to do a scope test to see if there is a spark plug, wire or ignition module problem. I seldom see a fuel injector problem.

Switch oil viscosity before you
rebuild the engine

Dear Doctor: I own a 1986 Oldsmobile Cutlass with 112,000 miles. After a recent oil change, the engine started to use two quarts of oil every 500 miles or so. There are no signs of leaks and no smoke out the tail pipe. Two shops have suggested a complete overhaul at the cost of \$3,000. What is your suggestion? Larry

Dear Larry: Did anyone check the PCV system, or pull the valve covers and check the oil return holes? These are the first things to check. If the oil returns are clean and the PCV system is working, I would switch oil viscosity to 20w50 until the weather gets cold around November. The heavier oil will not burn as quickly. If you decide to have the engine overhauled, call a few engine rebuilders, and check with the local Better Business Bureau for their standing. You can also buy a late model engine of the same type that is in your car now. A complete rebuild should be under \$2,500; a used engine is \$1,500.

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What the automaker needed and what it got was a model called the "Twenty," a small (by Rolls-Royce standards), yet still luxurious car produced from 1922 through 1929. Unlike the larger Rolls-Royce models that were usually chauffeur-driven, the Twenty was aimed at the owner-driver.

One 1926 Rolls-Royce Twenty model was purchased by F.R. Ward. As was common in that era, Ward had the chassis sent to a coach builder who attached a saloon body.

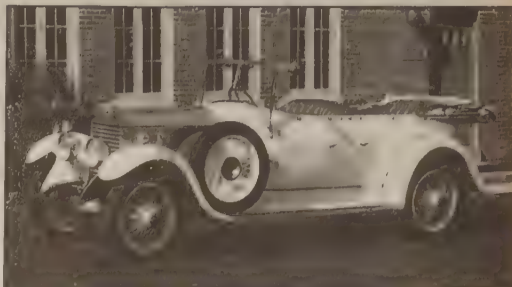
In pre-World War I days, it was not unusual for luxury cars to be rebodied, as was Ward's Rolls-Royce. It has since become a touring car. To this day, when the doors are open, four sill plates proudly proclaim, "Coachwork by Beaumont Underbank Holmfirth."

Eventually, the 1926 Rolls-Royce was put on the auction block in Eng-

land. An absentee American buyer, enamored by a color photograph, reportedly called to ask one question, "How does the engine sound?"

The handsome car was put back into excellent mechanical order, and in 1994, it was advertised for sale. How fortuitous! That was exactly the time Arthur Birney was tiring of his 1927 Ford Model T roadster. "I would work on the Ford two weeks to drive it one week," he recalls. That's when he saw the ad for the Rolls-Royce.

"I have always wanted a really fine antique car," Birney says.



A RARE 1926 ROLLS ROYCE came from the "Twenty" campaign.

VERN PARKER

Tundra

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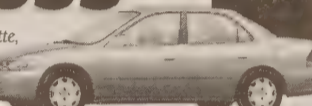


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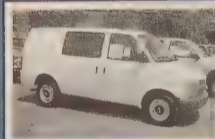
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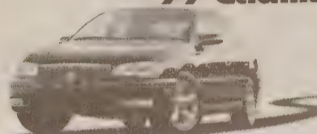
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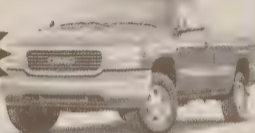
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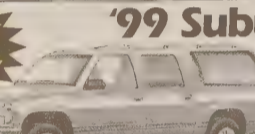
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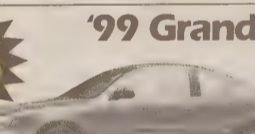
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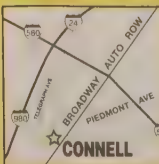
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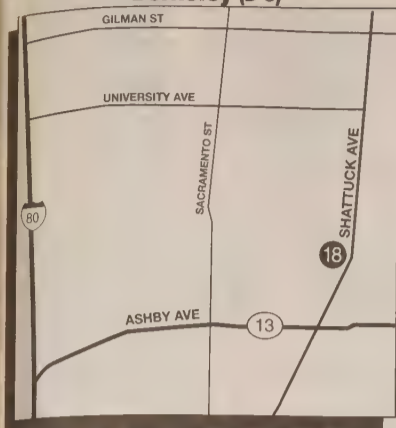
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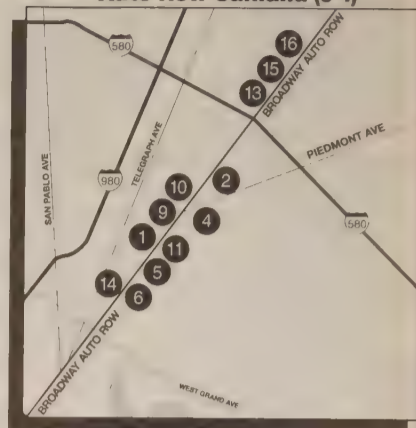
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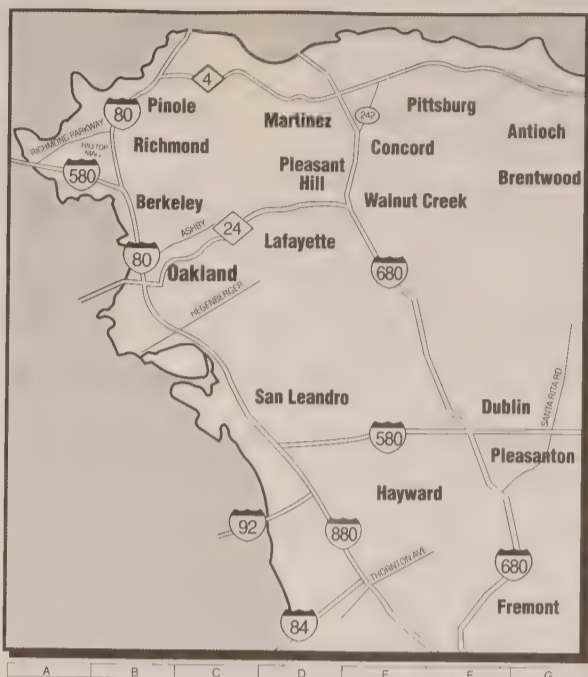
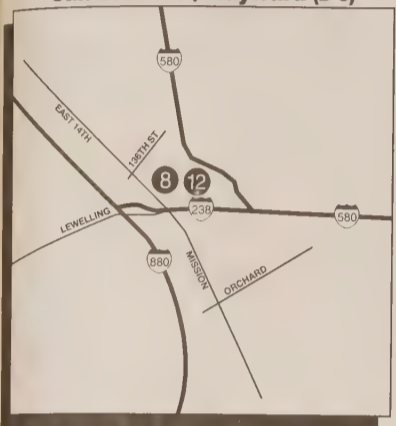
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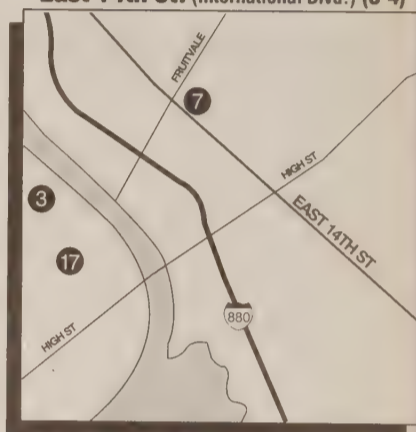
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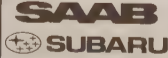
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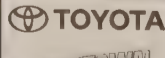
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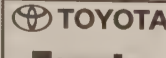
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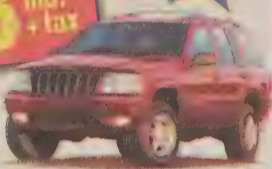
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'99 GRAND CHEROKEE LIMITED

\$423 per mo. + tax

Feature



36 mo closed end lease. 36 mos. @ \$423+tax. Total pymts \$15,226+tax. Cap. price \$29,999. Resid. \$15,664. Lease drive off \$900 cash down pymt + 1st pymt. ac. \$495 bank fee & tax. 12k mi/yr. Only one at this price. VIN #1717229

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Feature

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✓ Automatic
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Feature



After rebate & \$400 College grad rebate. VIN #578732

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✓ CD
✓ Power Steering
✓ and more



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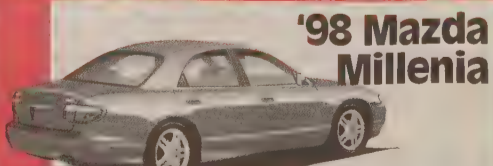
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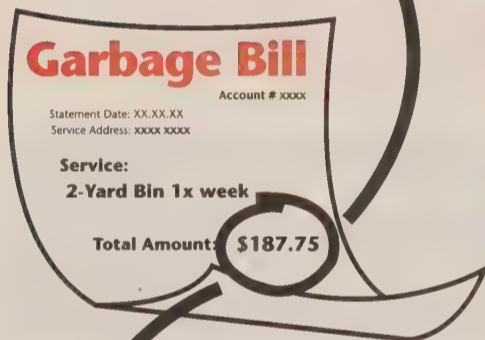
	Before	After
Garbage:	One, 2-yard bin	One, 1-yard bin One, 64-gallon cart
Recycling:	Just cardboard	Two, 100-gallon paper bins (no extra charge!)
Cost:	\$187.75	\$93.87 (for 1-yard bin) + \$36.06 (for 64-gallon cart) \$129.93

Estimated Savings:
\$42.60 a month!



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4 Pick up the phone.

Call a recycling collector. In El Cerrito, most businesses use the recyclables collector El Cerrito Recycling, which can be reached at 510-215-4350. If you no longer produce as much garbage, call East Bay Sanitary at 510-237-4321 to reduce service and save money.

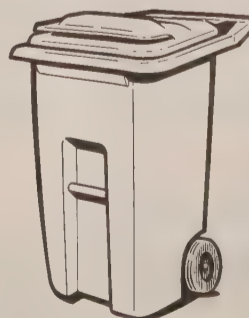
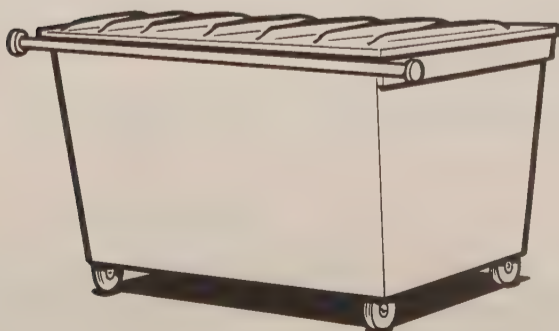
East Bay Sanitary Company Commercial Garbage Rates

City of El Cerrito – Commercial Bin Rates Per Month						
Bin Size	Collections Per Week					
	1	2	3	4	5	6
1 Yard	\$93.87	\$187.75	\$281.61	\$375.48	\$469.35	\$563.22
2 Yards	\$187.75	\$375.50	\$563.25	\$751.00	\$938.75	\$1,126.50

Note: One cubic yard = approximately 200 gallons

Rates as of March 24, 1999

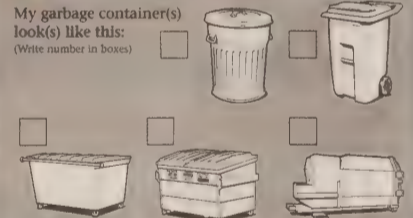
City of El Cerrito – Commercial Can/Cart Rates Per Month	
Container Size	Total Monthly Charge
20 Gallon Can	\$11.93
35 Gallon Cart	\$18.03
64 Gallon Cart	\$36.06



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I currently recycle the following:

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- ☐ Mixed Paper ☐ Bottles and Cans
- ☐ Concrete/Asphalt
- ☐ Scrap Metal
- ☐ Plastics
- ☐ Other _____

2 Which recyclables are in your trash?

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- ☐ Newspaper ☐ Yard Trimmings ☐ Other _____
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Garbage Bill

Account # XXXX

Statement Date: XX.XX.XX
Service Address: XXXX XXXX

Service:

2-Yard Bin 1x week

Total Amount: **\$248.71**

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	Before	After
Garbage:	One, 2-yard bin	One, 1-yard bin One, 65-gallon cart
Recycling:	Just cardboard	Two, 100-gallon paper bins (no extra charge!)
Cost:	\$248.71	\$149.95 (for 1-yard bin) + \$50.96 (for 65-gallon cart) \$200.91

Estimated Savings:
\$32.00 a month!



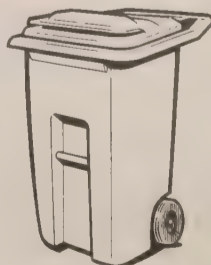
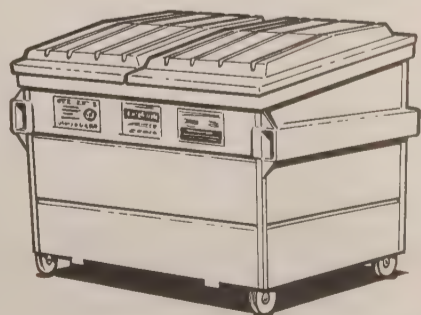
Richmond Sanitary Service Commercial Garbage Rates

City of Hercules - Commercial Bin Rates Per Month						
Bin Size	Collections Per Week					
	1	2	3	4	5	6
1 Yard	\$149.95	\$262.81	\$375.76	\$488.62	\$601.47	\$789.33
2 Yards	\$248.71	\$454.72	\$660.83	\$866.84	\$1,072.95	\$1,353.95
3 Yards	\$341.46	\$635.23	\$928.89	\$1,222.65	\$1,516.42	\$1,885.08
4 Yards	\$431.12	\$809.84	\$1,188.55	\$1,567.27	\$1,945.99	\$2,399.71
5 Yards	\$518.97	\$981.55	\$1,444.12	\$1,906.69	\$2,369.16	\$2,906.74
6 Yards	\$605.83	\$1,151.85	\$1,697.88	\$2,243.91	\$2,789.94	\$3,410.96
7 Yards	\$692.28	\$1,321.76	\$1,951.25	\$2,580.73	\$3,210.21	\$3,914.69
8 Yards	\$778.44	\$1,491.57	\$2,204.71	\$2,917.85	\$3,630.98	\$4,419.12

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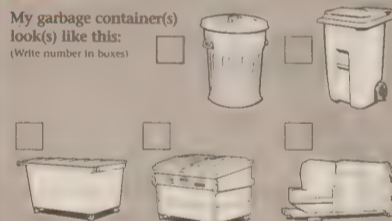
City of Hercules - Commercial Can/Cart Rates Per Month	
Can/Cart Size	Total Monthly Charge
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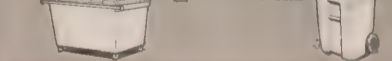
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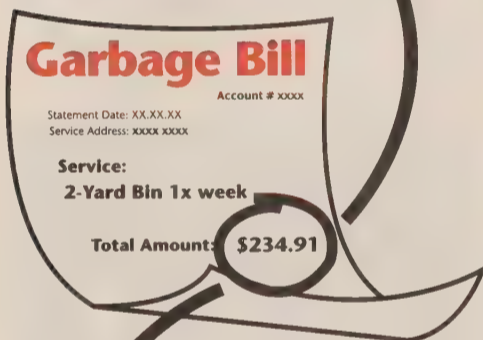
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Cost:	\$234.91	\$141.35 (for 1-yard bin) + \$ 50.96 (for 65-gallon cart) \$192.31

Estimated Savings:
\$42.90 a month!



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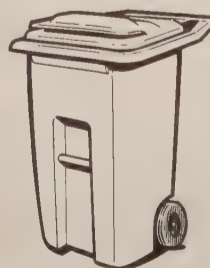
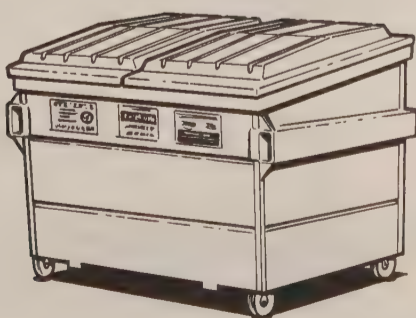
Richmond Sanitary Service Commercial Garbage Rates

City of Pinole – Commercial Bin Rates Per Month						
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3 Yards	\$322.96	\$601.33	\$879.79	\$1,158.25	\$1,436.62	\$1,790.08
4 Yards	\$408.02	\$767.24	\$1,126.45	\$1,485.67	\$1,844.79	\$2,279.01
5 Yards	\$491.47	\$930.35	\$1,369.22	\$1,808.19	\$2,247.06	\$2,760.94
6 Yards	\$574.03	\$1,092.25	\$1,610.48	\$2,128.71	\$2,646.94	\$3,240.16
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8 Yards	\$737.94	\$1,415.07	\$2,092.21	\$2,769.35	\$3,446.38	\$4,198.52

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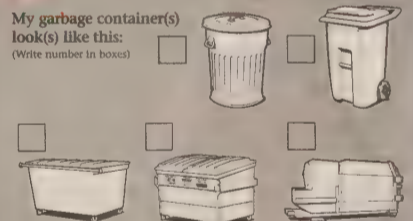
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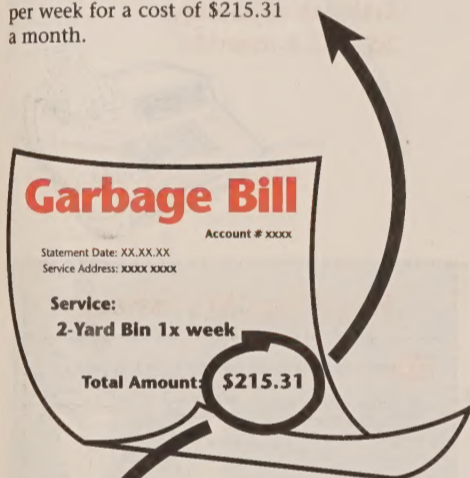
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Estimated Savings:
\$34.10 a month!



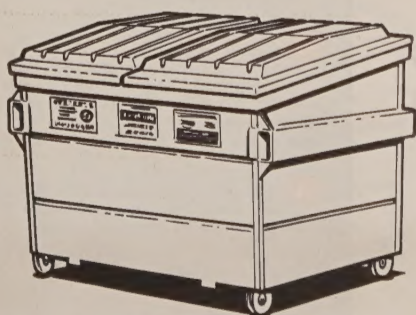
Richmond Sanitary Service Commercial Garbage Rates

City of Richmond - Commercial Bin Rates Per Month						
Bin Size	Collections Per Week					
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1 Yard	\$131.85	\$230.71	\$329.66	\$428.52	\$527.37	\$701.33
2 Yards	\$215.31	\$392.62	\$570.03	\$747.34	\$924.75	\$1,177.05
3 Yards	\$293.66	\$544.83	\$795.99	\$1,047.25	\$1,298.42	\$1,624.58
4 Yards	\$369.52	\$692.54	\$1,015.45	\$1,338.37	\$1,661.39	\$2,059.31
5 Yards	\$444.07	\$837.95	\$1,231.82	\$1,625.69	\$2,019.56	\$2,488.54
6 Yards	\$517.83	\$982.35	\$1,446.88	\$1,911.51	\$2,376.04	\$2,915.56
7 Yards	\$591.08	\$1,126.36	\$1,661.65	\$2,196.83	\$2,732.11	\$3,342.39
8 Yards	\$664.14	\$1,270.17	\$1,876.21	\$2,482.25	\$3,088.38	\$3,769.42

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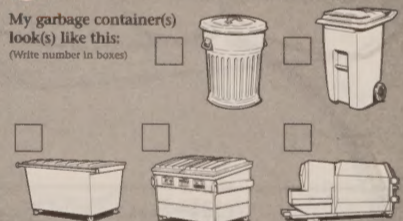
City of Richmond - Commercial Can/Cart Rates Per Month	
Can/Cart Size	Total Monthly Charge
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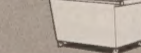
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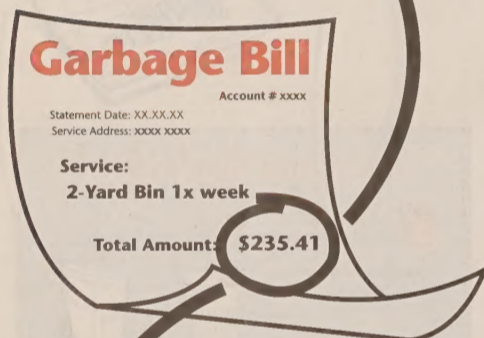
	Before	After
Garbage:	One, 2-yard bin	One, 1-yard bin One, 65-gallon cart
Recycling:	Just cardboard	Two, 100-gallon paper bins (no extra charge!)
Cost:	\$235.41	\$141.55 (for 1-yard bin) + \$ 50.96 (for 65-gallon cart) \$192.51

Estimated Savings:
\$57.82 a month!



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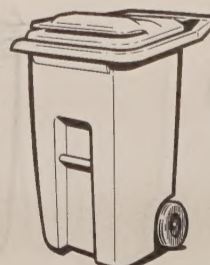
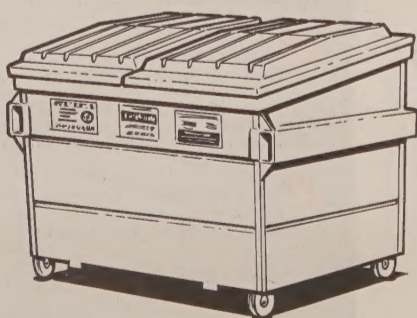
Richmond Sanitary Service Commercial Garbage Rates

City of San Pablo – Commercial Bin Rates Per Month						
Bin Size	Collections Per Week					
	1	2	3	4	5	6
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2 Yards	\$235.41	\$431.12	\$626.83	\$822.44	\$1,018.15	\$1,288.85
3 Yards	\$323.76	\$602.93	\$882.09	\$1,161.35	\$1,440.52	\$1,794.78
4 Yards	\$409.02	\$769.34	\$1,129.55	\$1,489.77	\$1,849.99	\$2,285.31
5 Yards	\$492.77	\$932.95	\$1,373.12	\$1,813.39	\$2,253.56	\$2,768.74
6 Yards	\$575.53	\$1,095.35	\$1,615.18	\$2,134.91	\$2,654.74	\$3,249.56
7 Yards	\$657.88	\$1,257.36	\$1,856.75	\$2,456.13	\$3,055.51	\$3,729.99
8 Yards	\$740.04	\$1,419.17	\$2,098.41	\$2,777.65	\$3,456.78	\$4,211.02

Note: One cubic yard = approximately 200 gallons

Rates as of March 24, 1999

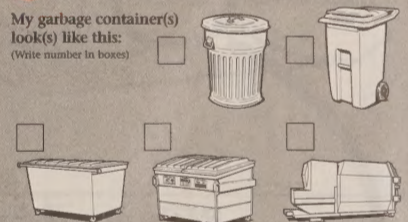
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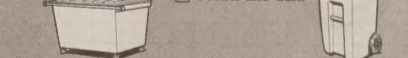
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Garbage Bill

Statement Date: XX.XX.XX
Service Address: XXXX XXXX

Service:

2-Yard Bin 1x week

Total Amount **\$223.21**

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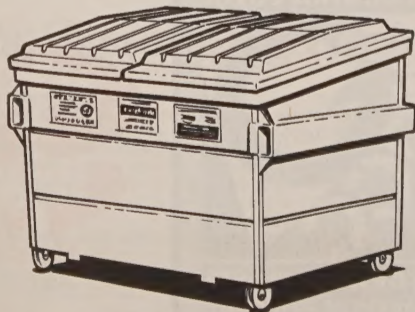
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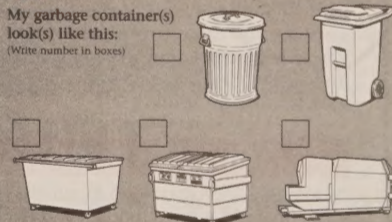
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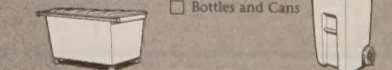
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Reduce

Stop waste before it starts. Buy only products that you need. Buy them in bulk to reduce wasteful packaging.

Reuse

Before you throw it away, check if you or someone else can use it in some other way. Purchase durable, reuseable items instead of disposable ones. Bring your own refillable mug to work for drinks.

Buy Recycled

Recycling is a cycle or loop in which something old is broken down and made into something new. If you're not buying recycled, you're not really recycling! In order for recycling to be successful, people must purchase those items which are made from recycled materials. If no one buys recycled content products, recycling can't continue. **Close the loop!** Look for products that say "post consumer content."

Tips for Offices

- 2-sided copying
- Use routing slips or electronic mail
- Buy materials in bulk and use refillable products (water coolers, office supplies)
- Use durable versus disposable products (rechargeable batteries)
- Donate or buy used/reconditioned equipment, clothes, and/or excess food
- Reuse packing or crating materials (pallets, containers)
- Promote the purchase of products made from post-consumer, recycled material. Ask your vendors about their recycled product lines
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Tips for Restaurants and Retail Businesses

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- Encourage customers to take only one napkin – don't hand them a big stack
- Use recyclable aluminum foil to wrap food for "take out" – avoid Styrofoam!
- Serve with reusable dishes, cups and flatware and washable cloth napkin
- Don't include napkins and plastic cutlery with take-out orders unless requested



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